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FBI probe 'not surprising'

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which executed several search warrants last Thursday, told the Torres administration that their search on Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' office was part of an investigation of "allegations."

And, while the FBI has declined to divulge more details of its investigation and with the general lack of information surrounding the searches, Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who is with the House of Representatives opposition, believes it fair to say that corruption allegations are "not surprising."

"It's not that surprising that there would be issues of possible corruption under investigation. There have been serious questions that concerned citizens, myself included, have been asking even before the Saipan Casino Act became law—from the way that law has been passed up to other events that have transpired [since then]," she said in an interview with

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HONORING VETERANS

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios is joined by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, U.S. Ambassador to Palau Amy J. Hyatt, who was the keynote speaker, other officials, and veterans at the wreath-laying ceremony during the Veterans Day celebration yesterday at the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

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DOF: Revenue collections hitting projected targets

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Revenue collection in October 2019 met the projected amount, according to the CNMI Department of Finance last week, and the numbers are on

track to also hit the projected revenue for November.

At a press briefing led by Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios Thursday last week, Finance Secretary David Atalig noted that revenue projections for fiscal year 2020 were so far met in

October and that the November trend is showing similar numbers.

For November, which is the first month of fiscal year 2020, Atalig said, "We...needed to collect \$18.5 million to be on target, based on

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Contract to run Tinian power plant expiring

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Local

Muña serves final day as education chief

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Today is the last day of Glenn Muña as the CNMI's education commissioner.

In an interview with CNMI State Board of Education chair Janice Tenorio yesterday, she thanked Muña on behalf of the board for his service as education commissioner.

"Commissioner Muña has been a member of PSS for over 20 years...and he has

been an important asset to PSS and the BOE would like to thank him for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors," Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune*.

Tenorio said the BOE has not selected anyone yet for the position since the job vacancy announcement has just closed, and PSS Human Resource Department is still processing the applications it received. It was not immediately known how many individuals applied

for the position but Tenorio said the discussion for the next education commissioner has been ongoing since Muña resigned last Sept. 12.

She said the usual procedure for appointing a deputy commissioner is to choose between associate commissioner for instructional services Jackie Quitugua or interim associate commissioner

for administrative services Charley Kenty. Both have served as acting education commissioner in the past during Muña's absence.



Muña

When Muña turned in his letter of resignation last Sept. 12, he told the BOE that it will be effective after 60 days, which is today, Nov. 12, 2019.

Muña cited personal reasons for his resignation and thanked the board

for trusting him.

Muña was the system's associate commissioner for administrative services under former education commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero and took over the top post after Deleon Guerrero was released in 2017. After Deleon Guerrero's tenure in 2017, the BOE first appointed Yvonne Pangelinan, the PSS associate commissioner for Student and Support Services, as PSS commissioner,

before ultimately appointing Muña as interim commissioner in 2017.

At 41, Muña is the youngest education commissioner. He served as the former principal of Oleai Elementary School, and was appointed as associate commissioner for administrative services in 2012.

Muña's resignation came just days after then-PSS Finance and Budget director Christopher Ching also left PSS.

Minors can now serve alcohol

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Minors are now able serve alcohol in the CNMI since Oct. 30, 2019, after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law a bill that exempt business owners from punishment when allowing minors to serve or sell alcoholic beverages.

Torres enacted Rep. Joel Camacho's (R-Saipan) House Bill 21-48 into law on Oct. 30, 2019. Now known as Public Law 21-12, the legislation exempts a licensee, his agent, or employee from punishment when permitting persons at least 18 years old to serve or sell but not mix alcoholic beverages for purposes of employment.

Violations of this law will be a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, violators be fined not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than one year or both, and shall be

required to perform not less than 80 hours but not more than 250 hours of community services that cannot be suspended or converted to a fine.

The author of the legislation told *Saipan Tribune* in a previous interview that the intent of this legislation is to remove hiring bias for younger workers.

"I believe many of our young individuals as well as adults have a choice to be responsible," he told *Saipan Tribune*, responding to a question whether his legislation would prematurely introduce alcohol to individuals less than 21 years of age.

"This bill's main intent is to remove the potential hiring bias that acts as a barrier. This would help many young individuals attain meaningful employment and gain valuable work experience as they save up to go to college or other life endeavors," he said.

First ladies work to strengthen ocean conservation partnership

Palau first lady Debbie Remengesau joined first lady Akie Abe and a group of influential women at the "Leading Women in Ocean Forum" in Yokohama, Japan, on Nov. 6 to discuss ways on how women can play a critical role in creating solutions to protect the ocean environment.

Keeping the momentum going, The Leading Women for the Ocean Network was launched during the event. This newly designed platform of the world's top female leaders aims to bring the leaders together, through the wisdom and power of women, to lead ocean conservation activities to protect and conserve the ocean for generations to come.

Besides Remengesau and Abe, the forum was also attended by Maria Damanaki, global managing director of The Nature Conservancy, and Minako Iue, president of Sailors for the Sea - Japan.

They also discussed the dire challenges facing the world's ocean including fisheries, plastic pollution and

illegal, unregulated and unlicensed fishing.

Remengesau, a new member of The Leading Women for the Ocean Network, expressed her appreciation and commitments to bring about change and promote messages of sustainability. "As mothers, we are passionate about providing a good environment to sustain our children and future generations," she stated.

Through the network, the women leaders plan to convene several times in spring 2020 leading up to Our Ocean 2020 in Palau.

The "Leading Women in Ocean Forum" was also attended by president/CEO of Pacifico Yokohama Kozue Nakayama, former Indonesia minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Susi Pudjiastuti, Walton Family Foundation program officer Teresa Ish and president of Ocean Policy Research Institute SPF Dr. Atsushi Sunami.

The Leading Women for the Ocean Network is founded by Abe and Damanaki. (PR)

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‘The defense of freedom is everyone’s responsibility’

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The CNMI community gathered yesterday at the American Memorial Park’s Court of Honor to pay tribute to veterans and their families, heroes who have served in times of war and in times of peace, who sacrificed their lives to help defend freedom in the United States.

The event honors the generations of men and women of the Marianas who have boldly served in the nation’s armed forces, including the more than 1,000 service members and veterans in the Commonwealth.

“Today we have a greater appreciation for what we have as Americans and the freedom we wake up to each and every day,” Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios said. “We will not be free today if not for our military veterans, those who continue to serve and defend the principles of liberty and justice for all.”

Palacios also called on the community to take a moment to remember and honor all the brave sons and daughters of the Marianas who have given their lives in the name of freedom and democracy.

The keynote speaker at the event, U.S. Ambassador to Palau Amy J. Hyatt, also honored and thanked the veterans for standing up to protect the country. She reminded everyone, though, that the defense of freedom is everyone’s responsibility.

“Let us remember that the defense of freedom is not just for those in uniform,” Hyatt said. “Each of us shares that responsibility. We must all protect our freedom

by maintaining them back home, by voting in elections, by speaking out against injustice, and by teaching our children what it means to be an American.”

The ambassador also stressed that “America’s strength comes not from the example of our power, but rather, it comes from the power of our example.”

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, who is a veteran himself, said the day is very important to veterans.

“I just want to wish all veterans well throughout the years and, hopefully, we will continue to work together here in the CNMI,” Apatang said, adding that veterans on the islands get together and work for the people of the CNMI.

The Veterans Day celebration is traditionally held on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. It was called “Armistice Day” at the end of World War I, with Nov. 11 commemorating the end of the conflict on that exact date and time. Congress changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day on June 1, 1954.

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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library booth provided information about Chamorro and Carolinian history at the Indigenous Cultural Expo and Kantan Isla concert last Saturday at the Civic Center in Susupe.

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CULTURAL EXPO

A young woman learns how to grate a coconut as a traditional food preparation technique at the Indigenous Cultural Expo and Kantan Isla concert last Saturday at the Civic Center in Susupe.

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The Indigenous Cultural Expo and Kantan Isla concert last Saturday at the Civic Center in Susupe also featured coconut frond weaving demonstrations.

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FBI

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Saipan Tribune.

When asked to comment on the matter yesterday, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) replied that it was “sad.”

“It is sad. It is embarrassing as well, but anyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and so I am not going to presume that those people who have been questioned are guilty,” he said, urging those who may have information to step forward to assist in the investigation.

“Anybody in the Marianas who knows about any abuse, misuse, misappropriation of office, especially us, should speak out. Don’t make things up and don’t make community rumors run around. It’s not fair to those who are being questioned. They are innocent until proven guilty,” he said.

When asked what prompted the FBI searches, acting press secretary and chief of staff Angel Demapan just said: “... [The FBI] informed that it was part of an investigation of allegations. Unfortunately, no other details were provided to the

administration at this point.”

“In an effort to preserve the integrity of the process, the administration continues to seek the community’s patience and support to allow the system of justice to take its course,” he added.

Demapan assured that the Torres administration remains focused on continuing its operations and delivery of public services—unimpeded by the investigation as it continues.

House Speaker Blas Jonathan “B.J.” Attao (R-Saipan) is also in the dark on specifics surrounding the investigation.

“It came as a shock because we were walking into a session when the news came in,” he said, replying to a question of how he received the news last Thursday.

The Legislature had a joint session on Rota last Thursday.

“I honestly don’t know [anything about the investigation] and we should respect the process and see where it goes from there. It is unfortunate for the Commonwealth and really unfortunate for the families involved,” said Attao. “If we knew something, we could really say something

about it, but it really is just a dark day for the CNMI. It is an unfortunate situation and we will see the outcome of this.”

Rep. Tina Sablan shared a similar reaction. “Most of us [in the Legislature] learned about the searches either right before or during the [joint] session,” she said. “There are a lot rumors and speculation about what might be going on, and still, we don’t really know what the purpose of these searches was.”

FBI agents fanned out across Saipan last Thursday to execute the search warrants that included the Governor’s Office, the office of Alfred Yue of Marianas Consultancy Services LLC, a consultant for Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC; Legend Realty Saipan; and the Torres Brothers at Law LLC. Even Torres’ home and vehicle were reportedly searched.

“We have provided them with all the information and access that they have asked for, with the intent of being completely transparent and helpful in the investigation,” Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios noted in a press conference Thursday afternoon, during

which he affirmed that the FBI was searching Torres’ office but did not specify the reason.

An IPI statement released late Thursday said its companies in the CNMI have nothing to hide and will cooperate with law enforcement authorities.

Even the name of former Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez has been dragged into the fray. She is listed as a sole member of IPI CNMI.

According to records at the U.S. District Court for the NMI, the U.S. Department of the Treasury-Internal Revenue Service filed last April 25 a notice of federal tax lien against Fernandez as IPI’s sole member for unpaid employer’s quarterly federal tax return in the amount of \$65,706.

Saipan Tribune was still trying to get comments from Fernandez as of press time yesterday.

IRS said they are giving a notice that taxes (including interest and penalties) have been assessed against Fernandez. IRS said they have made a demand for payment of this liability, but it remains unpaid.

“Therefore, there is a lien in favor of the United States on all property and rights to property belonging to this taxpayer for the amount of these taxes, and additional penalties, interest, and costs that may accrue,” the IRS states in its notice of federal tax lien.

IRS said Fernandez was assessed on March 6, 2017, and Nov. 5, 2018, for unpaid balance of assessment in the amount of \$60 and \$65,645 in employer’s quarterly federal tax return for tax periods ending in Dec. 31, 2016 and March 31, 2018, respectively.

Fernandez used to serve as Guam senator. She was NMC president from 2008 to 2010. She became NMC president again in September 2016. In August 2018, she opted not to renew her contract as NMC president which was supposed to expire on Oct. 3, 2018. *(With Ferdie de la Torre)*



500 Sails offers free traditional canoe rides at the Indigenous Cultural Expo and Kantan Isla concert last Saturday at the Civic Center in Susupe.

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DOF

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our annual projections for fiscal year 2020. We’ve exceeded our collections for the first month.”

“We are [now] into November and the trend is still looking consistent to how we collected on October,” he added.

That’s great news as far as lifting the austerity measures that the CNMI government has been implementing, including work-hour cuts.

Atalig said that, based on collection numbers for November 2019, the government can more safely make a decision to discontinue the austerity measures that were implemented in fiscal year 2019 as a result of Super Typhoon Yutu’s devastation on Tinian and Saipan.

“...We are looking forward to a good month based on our projection and, based on [those numbers], we will then evaluate...if the government should go off austerity,” he said.

Atalig noted that the \$233-million budget for fiscal year 2020 was set without austerity in mind; however, the government also has obligations to pay from previous fiscal years.

“...This keeps cash flow tight and, although we are col-

lecting, we have obligations from previous fiscal years to pay,” he said.

The Torres administration noted in a statement in early October 2019 that revenue collections in the first few months of fiscal year 2020—specifically the first quarter—would likely not be enough to lift austerity measures since the first quarter of every fiscal year usually yields relatively lower collections.

“...The current collection rate is not enough to lift the current austerity measures within the first quarter of fiscal year 2020,” the administration had previously said. “Because revenue collections remain a concern as we enter the new fiscal year, the administration will continue its 72-hour work schedule for the first quarter in order to monitor cash flow, continue essential public services, and prevent furloughs.”

Atalig earlier blamed the financial crunch on the significant recovery costs for Super Typhoon Yutu, a loss of economic activity from businesses affected by the typhoon, low tourism arrivals, and variable costs of medical referrals, healthcare, and public safety.

He previously noted that the CNMI government was in deficit of \$89.9 million at the start of fiscal year 2020.



SIMULATION EXERCISE

Commonwealth Health Care Corp. Medical Director Dr. John Tudela provides medical assistance to a patient during the CNMI Emergency Medical Team’s simulation exercises last Friday at the airport field.

MARC VENUS

Contract to run Tinian power plant up for bidding

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The contract of independent power producer Telesource CNMI to run a 10-megawatt diesel power plant on Tinian is set to expire in March next year and that contract is not expected to be extended.

That means the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will soon be advertising the bidding for the contract and that may start next month, according to CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho last Friday.

The contract started in September 1997, with Telesource

CNMI contracted to build and operate the Tinian power plant for \$21.6 million.

Camacho disclosed in an interview Friday that, according to the Office of the Attorney General, which reviewed the contract, there will be no extension.

"There is a contract that expires and, according to the Office of the Attorney General, we are required to advertise that and we will be doing so," he said.

Telesource can participate in the bidding, he said, adding that the company has done a wonderful job over the years and their record

shows that.

"They have been there through storms and so forth. However, the contract is the contract," he said.

Camacho said he was not around at the signing of the contract many years ago, but the OAG's interpretation of the contract is that it will expire in March 2020 and CUC is holding a bidding as part of the requirements.

As to the terms of the new contract and the question of how long the new contract will be, Camacho said they are still putting the scope

together and that the CUC board will ultimately decide on that.

"The board will decide whether 10 or 20 years. I don't want to speak for the board," he said.

Under the initial deal, Telesource was to design and construct, procure all necessary equipment and materials; arrange all shipping to the site; and initially own and maintain and operate the power plant. After that, CUC would ultimately own and operate it.

CUC pays Telesource \$2

million annually to provide power services to Tinian via a series of monthly payments of \$180,000 represented by 120 promissory notes. On top of this, CUC was obligated to pay \$50,000 monthly in quality and management fee and a production fee of 2 cents per kilowatt per hour.

In November 1998, the first change order was adopted, increasing the size of the power plant from 10MW to 20MW by the installation of two 5MW units and the addition of a 30MW substation.

In May 2001, a change or-

der was adopted, extending the terms of the contract to 2020.

Tinian has about 4,000 residents.

Last August, CUC Tinian resident director Evelyn Manglona said Tinian now has zero power outages as the island has enough power supply, having 20MW in available capacity but only 2MW being used at its peak.

Manglona said everyone on Tinian got their power supply back last March and April after the island was devastated by Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018.

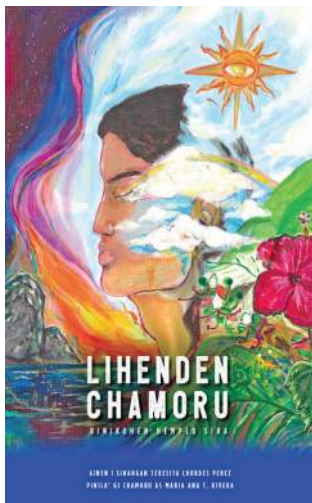
Guam storytelling tradition in the spotlight of new book

The University of Guam Press will launch Guam's latest legends publication, *CHamoru Legends: A Gathering of Stories* on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Guam Museum. The book features 12 legends retold by Teresita "Terry" Perez with CHamoru translations by Maria Ana Tenorio Rivera.

"Since its revival four years ago, UOG Press has received countless requests for a new CHamoru legends publication," said Victoria-Lola Leon Guerrero, managing editor of UOG Press. "With a Tourist Attraction Fund grant from the Guam Visitors Bureau, we embarked on a project to publish a collection of reimagined classic CHamoru legends with CHamoru translations and artwork from 12 talented local artists under our cultural imprint, Taiguini Books."

Perez combed through the Micronesian Area Research Center's archives to find previously published versions of CHamoru legends and gathered stories from family and friends to help inform her process. She selected 12 legends she wanted to retell and worked with Rivera and Leon Guerrero to draft her unique versions.

"After Terry wrote each piece, the three of us would sit together and talk about the story—what it meant to each of us, what the characters' intentions may have been and why, what cultural values motivated the plot, what lessons were to be learned, why the story had been told the way it had been told for so long, and so forth," Leon Guerrero said. "It was a beautiful, communal process that led to this presentation of the legends in a way that captures our unique culture and perspective and also highlights the voice and experiences of author Terry Perez, whose poetic prose



adds new layers of meaning to these timeless tales."

Recognizing the importance of telling cultural stories in the CHamoru language, UOG Press published the book so that it features the legends in English on one side and in CHamoru on the reverse side.

Like the book, the launch event will feature many interpretations of the legends. The artwork from the book will be on display, both Perez and Rivera will read selected legends, local chanting and dance groups will perform their versions of some of the legends in the book, and the audience will be invited to share legends they know, which will be recorded as part of an oral history project intended to collect legends for future volumes of the book. A reception with author and artist book signings and book sales will follow in the main lobby.

CHamoru Legends: A Gathering of Stories will be available for sale at the launch for \$25 per book. After the launch, the book will also be sold at the UOG Triton Store, the Guam Museum gift shop, all Bestseller locations, Puntan Dos Amantes (Two Lovers Point) gift shop, other local bookstores, and online at www.uog.edu/uogpress and on Amazon. (PR)

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Like Hillblom's probate, Hillbroom faces complex jury trial

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REPORTER

Junior Larry Hillbroom's lawsuit against his two former lawyers and former trustee over alleged mismanagement of approximately \$90 million that he had inherited from his father was originally filed in 2009 in California. After a decade, the jury trial in the

case will finally start in federal court on Saipan next week.

Similar to the probate of the estate of Hillbroom's father, Larry Lee Hillblom, a co-founder and former owner of DHL Worldwide Express, Hillbroom's lawsuit is a complex one too.

In his lawsuit against his former lawyers—David J. Lujan and Barry J. Israel—Hill-

broom alleges that the two, together with Hillbroom's then-trustee, Keith Waibel, conspired in 2001 to wrongfully increase their contingency fee when the estate of Hillbroom was undergoing probate.

Lujan and Israel have also filed counterclaims against Waibel. Waibel in turn, also filed counterclaims against Lujan and Israel.

In an order last Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona listed the claims to be tried during the trial that starts Tuesday, Nov. 19.

In Hillbroom's case against Lujan, the claims are breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, legal malpractice, and violation of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act.

The claims are the same in Hillbroom case against Israel, with the addition of a negligence claim. Hillbroom makes these same claims against Waibel.

In Lujan against Waibel, the claims are indemnification, partial equitable indemnifica-

tion, and contribution.

Pertaining to Israel's claim against Waibel, the claims are slander, libel, indemnification, and contribution.

With regard to Waibel's claim against Lujan and Israel, the claims are the same: indemnification and contribution.

Hillbroom intends to call to the stand all the parties in the case and his designated experts, Robert K. Sall and Jeffrey E. Brandlin.

Israel intends to testify himself and call Lujan, Israel, Waibel, and 14 others, including his expert witnesses—Robert Kehr and John Luna.

The parties have agreed to, among other facts, that Hill-

broom, who is now 35 years old, is the biological son of Hillblom and Kaelani Kinney.

Hillbroom, a Palauan, is one of the four DNA-proven children of Hillblom. His name is spelled differently from that of Hillblom. The three other children are Jellian Cuartero, a Filipino; Mercedita Feliciano, a Filipino; and Nguyen Be Lory, a Vietnamese.

Hillblom died in a seaplane crash off Anatahan waters on a flight from Pagan to Saipan on May 21, 1995, leaving behind an estate worth approximately \$550 million. The bodies of the pilot and a business partner were found, but Hillblom's body was never recovered.



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ANNIVERSARY GIVEAWAY

To mark its 45th anniversary, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is giving away free car service maintenance gift certificates to 45 lucky winners throughout 2019. Here, Pacifica Insurance staff member Sheela Saraff, right, presents prize winner Abigail Pangelinan, center, with the car service gift certificate. Pangelinan will be entitled to the Gold Service package at Joeten Motor Co., which includes free oil change, adjustment of tire pressure, 28 multi-point inspections, and other services. Also in the photo is Pangelinan's friend, Marilyn Marron. For more information about this car service giveaway log on to www.pacificains.com/45years.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kagman schools' PTSA meeting today

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that the Kagman Unified Schools will be having a Parents Teachers Students Association meeting today, Nov. 12, 2019, at 5:30pm in the Kagman High School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents, and guardians to attend this meeting. Child care will be provided.

Please call the any of the three schools at 237-3150 (KAGE), 237-3165 (COVMS), or 237-3196

(KHS) if you have any questions or concerns. **(PR)**

MHS activities

Marianas High School will be having its first semester Mid-Progress Open House on Nov. 14, 2019, from 4pm to 6pm at the new cafeteria. A Parents Teachers Students Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, 6pm at the new cafeteria. **(PR)**

TMS PTSA meeting tomorrow

The Parents Teachers Students

Association meeting for Tanapag Middle School will be held tomorrow, Nov. 13, 2019, from 5pm to 6pm in the cafeteria. **(PR)**

MVA membership meeting on Thursday

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-general membership meeting on Nov. 14, 2019, at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am. For more information, contact communityprojects@mymarianas.com or call (670) 664-3200. **(MVA)**



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Janice E. Castro
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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 9:30AM** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of September 03, 2019 Meeting Minutes

II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW

A. CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2019-X-045

Project: ASIA PACIFIC HOTEL PROJECT

The First Pacific Investment Group, Inc. is proposing to renovate, expand, and convert two adjoining 2-story commercial building into a 3-story hotel. The hotel buildings are located along Royal Palm Avenue and Coffee Tree Mall in Garapan, specifically identified as Lot Nos. 002 D 08, 002 D 09, and 002 D 10. Offsite parking is located on Lot Nos. 002 D 21 and 002 D 22 along Date Street and Coconut Street in Garapan, Saipan.

- 1) Agencies' Discussion
- 2) Agencies' Final Determination

B. CRM Permit Application No. TMS-2019-X-048

Project: TACHOGNYA QUARRY PROJECT

GPCC, Inc. is proposing to operate a state-of-the-art quarry operations in Tachongya, Tinian. GPCC, Inc. anticipates to produce aggregates of different sizes including manufactured sand. The operation will consist of a cement batching plant, an asphalt batching plant, and an office with an onsite generator. Staging of quarry materials will be situated at the Carolinas, Tinian.

- 1) Agencies' Discussion
- 2) Agencies' Final Determination

C. CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2019-X-060

Project: LATTE STONE HOTEL

Li Xu, LLC is proposing to construct the proposed Latte Stone Hotel along Puti Tainobiu Avenue in Garapan, Saipan. The proposed development is a 4-story hotel building with a total of 57 rooms and 24 parking spaces. The project will be situated on two leased private properties identified as Lot No. 004 D 29, measuring a total of 929 sq. m. and Lot No. 004 D030, measuring a total of 929 sq. m.

- 1) Agencies' Discussion
- 2) Agencies' Final Determination

- III. OTHER MATTERS
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
Director, DCRM



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-038

REPAIR OF OIL STORAGE TANKS – CUC SAIPAN AND ROTA POWER PLANTS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the Repair of Oil Storage Tanks – CUC Saipan and Rota power plants, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Most of the tanks are still in "active" use.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-bid Conference and a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 23 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan and **October 24 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Rota Power Plant, Songsong Village, Rota, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB CUC-19-038: Repair of Oil Storage Tanks, CUC Saipan and Rota power plants"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of **fifteen percent (15%)** of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). **Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO 2). CUC may split the contract work based on island location, i.e. separate contracts for the island of Saipan and Rota in the best interest of expediency and competitive rates. Project performance quality would be verified by third party quality assurance specialists with certified and approved credentials.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 28, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and to Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior, at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

NWS: Disturbance could pass through Pagan

By **MARC A. VENUS**
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REPORTER

A weak disturbance has been spotted forming north of Kwajalein in the Republic of Marshall Islands for several days now and the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam said yesterday that forecast models show the disturbance moving in a track similar to Super Typhoon Ha-

long and passing through the northern CNMI near Pagan late Thursday or Friday.

The disturbance currently shows signs of development and is likely to become better organized in the next couple of days. Right now, it is moving west-northwest and will continue its track or could move northwest in the next few days.

Club 200 draws over a thousand

Over 1,000 individuals attended the 30th annual Club 200 Fundraising Dinner at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, with Alex Sablan named as the grand prize winner of a 2019 Toyota RAV4 donated by Atkins Kroll Toyota.

Nineteen others were named winners of this year's Club 200 door prizes. Also, Clark Boswell, Noel Deleon Guerrero, and Angel Ocsillos won the three piñata prizes. The piñata prize tickets, coordinated by Lynn Tenorio and 20 student volunteers, helped to raise an additional \$6,000 for the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

With a Latin Night theme, Club 200 had emcee Santi "Big Boy" Sablan leading the way, with live music from Marvin Guerrero and Jay Babuata. Entertainment also included the Maxine Laszlo salsa dancers and a dance and costume contests.

The Red Cross also honored two special volunteers: Richard Defan for his volunteer service to the disaster response program; and Jean Sablan for her decades of community service as a Red Cross volunteer leader and board member.

Two companies were also recognized for their contributions during Super Typhoon Yutu relief efforts: Marianas Business Plaza and E-Land Group.

Marianas Business Plaza (Eric Vandermass) was honored for donating office space to accommodate an emergency disaster relief center.

"The use of this space during an extremely difficult time was vitally important to the Red Cross and the many families we helped," said Juan Diego Tenorio, Disaster Program manager.

E-Land Group's Mathew Park (Coral Ocean Point, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Kensington Hotel) and E-Land Foundation provided \$130,000 of lifesaving support to the Red Cross during Yutu relief efforts. In addition, their employees worked with Red Cross responders to provide relief supplies to families throughout the island.

Club 200 is the main fundraising event of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter. For more information about the Red Cross, call 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/nmi. (PR)

Super Typhoon Halong, which was still a tropical storm when it passed the CNMI, posed no threat as it traveled north of the Marianas last Nov. 2.

NWS also reported a separate disturbance forming north of Koror but it poses no threat to the CNMI or to Yap and Koror. NWS said it will continue to move westward and away, and some development is possible as it nears

the Philippines. Moderate to fresh west winds and isolated to scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the next couple of days are expected on Yap and Koror.

With the development of this disturbance, Guam and

Rota have experienced showers and thunderstorms through yesterday morning and improving conditions through the afternoon. All weather anomalies are expected to shift west with the disturbance as it exits it's the region to the west.

Wanted: Volunteer kettle ringers

The season for Red Kettles is here!

With the approaching holidays, the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers as bell ringers from Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving, up until Dec. 24, Christmas Eve.

The bell ringers would do two-hour shifts each.

The Red Kettle campaign is the Salvation Army's annual fundraiser to help raise money to help provide for members of the community who are in need.

Nationwide, the campaign has provided toys for kids, provided coats for the homeless, as well as food for the hungry, on

top of social service programs that the international movement provides all year.

Year round, the Salvation Army serves meals to individuals and families on the island.

Aside from the Red Kettle campaign, the Salvation Army will also have a delivery of Thanksgiving meals to tent dwellers, low income families, and the homeless on Thanks-

giving Day. The movement is also calling on the community to support their annual toy drive, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Saipan and Toys for Tots.

To sign up as volunteer or for more information on how your business can participate, contact Pastor Wayne Gillespie at 483-0885 or gaprens@yahoo.com. (Iva Maurin)

WITH SETTLEMENT

Suit vs DOC officers dismissed

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed on Friday the lawsuit filed by former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero against seven Department of Corrections officers whom he sued after an inmate allegedly beat him up inside DOC.

Manglona dismissed Guerrero's lawsuit with prejudice and instructed the clerk of court to close the case. That means Guerrero can no longer re-file the case.

The judge issued the dismissal following the parties' request because of their negotiated settlement.

The CNMI government settled the case with Guerrero, with each party bearing its own attorney's fees and costs. The terms of the settlement agreement were not disclosed.

Guerrero represented himself in this case. The Office of the Attorney General served as counsel for the DOC officers: Joaquin Sablan, Manuela Guerrero, Rachel Rebuenog, Jose Castro, Lynnae

Cabrera, Eloy Dela Cruz, and Keith Lizama.

Last July, Manglona dismissed Guerrero's amended lawsuit, ruling that he has failed to state a claim against seven other defendants—former DOC commissioner Vince Attao, pretrial director Jose K. Pangelinan, Capt. Pius Yaroitemal, shift supervisor Romualdo Teregeyo Jr., and Professional Standard Unit officers Fred Billy, Marvin Seaman, and Leanna P. Quitugua.

Guerrero has been serving a six-year prison term for sexual abuse of a minor girl.

Guerrero alleged that inmate John Kileleman, who is mentally ill, beat him up when he tried to pacify him from beating another inmate in DOC last Jan. 14.

In April 2019, Guerrero filed his original complaint against 14 DOC officials and Kileleman.

Guerrero then filed an amended complaint against seven defendants. He did not include Kileleman as a defendant. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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MVA joins JATA Tourism Expo 2019

The Marianas Visitors Authority joined representatives of nearly 150 other international countries and regions and a record 1,475 businesses and organizations at the JATA Tourism Expo 2019, Japan's largest annual travel show, last Oct. 24-27, 2019.

The number of attendees grew 13% from last year to 150,000 visitors over the four-day period.

JATA Tourism Expo 2019 was held at INTEX Osaka and attracted national tourism agencies, airlines, hotels, travel agencies, cruise companies, other tourism professionals and the traveling public. The MVA joined other exhibitors in providing the latest tourism information to visitors and professional members of the travel trade. This year, about 48,000 tourism professionals joined the event on the travel trade day on Oct. 24-25, while an estimated 102,000 consumers joined the third and fourth



Kyoko Okabe, MVA Japan sales manager, promotes the Marianas on Oct. 27, 2019, at the JATA Travel Expo 2019, in Osaka, Japan. MVA

days of the event.

"With the advent of direct flights between Japan and the Marianas later this month, there was definitely a new sense of excitement at this year's JATA Tourism Expo," said MVA marketing manager Thomas Kim. "Our participation in this annual event offered us another opportunity to share with tourism industry representatives and potential visitors the many tourism resources available on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. We made the most of the opportunity to let Japanese travelers know what the Marianas has to offer them in terms of a memorable vacation with family or friends."

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Marianas-chan, third from left, and Pickles the Frog pose with visitors on Oct. 27, 2019, at the Marianas Visitors Authority's booth at the JATA Travel Expo 2019 in Osaka, Japan. MVA



Visitors to the Marianas Visitors Authority's booth at the JATA Travel Expo 2019 learn how to make "mwar" (flower head lei). The expo was held from Oct. 26 to 27 in Osaka, Japan., MVA



Marianas-chan, left, and Pernalynn Janet Camacho, 2019 Miss Liberation Queen, perform an indigenous Chamorro dance on Oct. 26, 2019, at the JATA Travel Expo 2019 in Osaka, Japan. MVA

MVA Japan conducted the presentation on the Marianas and the stage show "Marianas Quiz." In addition, visitors to the booth had the opportunity to learn coconut frond weaving, banana-printing, and "mwar" (flower head lei)-making and take pictures with 2019 Liberation Day Queen Pernalynn Janet B. Camacho, Marianas-chan, and Pickles the Frog.

The event was organized by

the Japan Travel and Tourism Association and Japan Association of Travel Agents.

The JATA Tourism Expo is internationally recognized as one of the largest travel events in the world and presents Japan as a tourism nation to the world, further developing outbound, inbound and domestic travel by bringing together the combined strengths of not only the

tourism industry, but all industries in Japan and its local communities. JATA Tourism Expo provides opportunities for travel professionals to exchange travel information and conduct effective business meetings, while inspiring consumers through the power of travel.

JATA Tourism Expo 2019 will be held from Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2020, in Okinawa. (PR)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

November 12, 2019

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIVISION (DCD) OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING. THE DCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED AT 5:30 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS
- IV. OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE MATTER ABOVE
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 1(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ IGNACIO L. PEREZ
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors



CNMI Public School System Interagency Coordinating Council



AGENDA

ICC Board Meeting on
Thursday, November 14, 2019
At CDAC Office, Garapan
From 9:00 am to 11:00 am

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Review Minutes
- V. SPP/APR Review
- VI. SSIP-On-going Activities
- VII. Open Discussion
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION



INVITATION TO BID ITB20-CHCC/ELC/BEH-001

NEW SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 20, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM

"BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH'S LABORATORY UNIT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT"

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DOWNLOAD THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/INVITATION TO BID (ITB) FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE (WWW.CHCC.GOV.MP). ONCE AT THE SITE, NAVIGATE TO **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP/ITB. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORAZON P. ADA
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) RFP20-CHCC/MSO-001

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 5, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM

"BULK PROCUREMENT OF GENERAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES-COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION-MATERIAL SUPPLY OFFICE"

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORAZON P. ADA
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S

RED CROSS SUPPORTER

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Exotic Minis-Marianas Chapter Car Club presents a cash donation to the American Red Cross for the 2019 Club 200 Gala. This was the 16th year the car club has donated to the Club 200 event. In picture are Exotic Minis president James Fleming and team, along with John Hirsh, executive director of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, Red Cross staff, and volunteers.



Up to \$65M bond eyed for pension benefits

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**
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REPORTER

The CNMI government is looking to float a bond for up to \$65 million that is specifically for the benefits of retirees.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios announced in a press conference Thursday afternoon that the CNMI government is starting to look at their bond options to finance retiree benefits for at least a year.

"We had a teleconference with our...bond consultants and our bond issuers with the Moody's bond rating company...and the conference call went very well. We answered a lot of questions regarding our economic state and our current finances," said Finance Secretary David Atalig Thursday.

"We also discussed where we are going in the future and what we've done to maintain our finances. ...We were struggling after [Super] Ty-

phoon Yutu as we see in our financials the effects of that storm and what it did to our economy," he added.

Atalig said he is expecting to get the bond ratings within 10 to 14 days and float a bond for up to \$65 million by mid-December.

"This will take care of all settlement fund debt that we...owe for fiscal year 2017 to the tune of \$17.6 million, which has [added] to our current deficit in our last audit," he said.

He assured that the \$65 million would be enough for a full year of payment to the Settlement Fund.

Atalig said that floating a bond is in line with the Torres administration's strategy of relieving its annual payments to the Settlement Fund.

"... [This] will allow us to use available resources to take care of our current deficits and obligations that came upon us in the last two fiscal years," he said.

Learn how to become a fed contractor/vendor

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering a series of free workshops this month that will teach participants about how to become a federal contractor or vendor.

The workshops run from 9am to 10am at the University of Guam in the Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero Business and Public Administration Building, Margarita Perez & Jaime Tuquero IT&E Lecture Hall, Room 131 (unless otherwise specified):

■ **Nov. 13**—Meet Your Link to Finding Individuals with Disabilities and Veterans: Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act requires federal contractors to take affirmative action to recruit, hire, promote, and retain individuals with disabilities. VEVRAA requires federal contractors to take affirmative action to recruit, hire and promote veterans. Philip Marlowe of OFCCP, Phyliss Leon Guerrero of DISID, and Paris Blas of Citizen Soldier for Life will discuss these requirements and where federal contractors can find assistance to stay in compliance. 9am – 11:30am, Room 129

■ **Nov. 14**—Updating Your SBA Profile and Navigating the "Dynamic Small Business Search" – Your "Small Business Administration Profile"

is a great marketing tool. The Guam PTAC will show you how to set up and update your profile. The DSBS is SBA's database of small businesses. We will show you how to use it to help your company succeed in government contracting.

■ **Nov. 21**—FedBizOpps and NECO: Where to Find Government Solicitations: Federal government opportunities greater than \$25,000 are posted on FedBizOpps. The U.S. Navy posts opportunities on NECO. The Guam PTAC will provide an overview of FedBizOpps and NECO, how to navigate the websites, and how to set up automated searches.

■ **Nov. 27**—Developing a Capabilities Statement: A Capabilities Statement is an essential marketing tool for government contracting. The Guam PTAC will explain how to create a CS and what information should be included to improve your chances of winning a government contract.

For project management professionals, Guam PTAC workshops may count toward your annual professional development unit goals.

Register at <http://guamptac.com/news-and-events.php>, or call/email Therese at 735-2552/admin@guamptac.com.

Walk-ins are welcome. (PR)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT



YOUR COMMENTS ARE MOST WELCOME:

State Plan for Independent Living FY 2020 Goals:

Goal 1 – Enhance and expand the five (5) core IL services (Information & Referral, IL Skills Training, Peer Counseling, Individual and System Advocacy, and Transition) in a manner that will maximize benefits to the greatest number of individuals with significant disabilities.

Goal 2 – Work in collaboration with the CNMI Disability Network Partners especially the State Rehabilitation Council, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Council on Developmental Disabilities, Individuals with Disabilities, Family members, and Employers to provide quality services and supports to dual customers resulting in competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities consistent with their interests, skills, abilities, capabilities, informed choice, etc.

Goal 3 – Continue to support the efforts of the CNMI Disability Network Partners especially the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority to improve and expand affordable and available public transportation services including in those areas considered unserved and/or underserved (e.g. Tinian and Rota).

Goal 4 – Promote and support the efforts of community partners to enrich the lives of CNMI residents with disabilities and build a healthier community by pursuing accessible recreational opportunities.

Gernadine DLC, Camacho
SILC Chairperson

Mary Susan Satur
CLI Executive Director

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December 06, 2019
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Venue: Rota Mayor's

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EDITORIAL

Wonder Woman and Alice Waters are perfectly fine role models for boys

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Wonder Woman made a comeback in the past few years—not only the movie, but the icon, the archetype. The world needs Diana Prince more than ever.

Most recently she was featured in the viral Halloween PSA “My Heroes.” We see two siblings—one male, one female. They carve pumpkins. Their parents hand them superhero costumes. They’re seen from behind trick-or-treating. The end reveals that the boy was dressed as Wonder Woman and the girl as Batman.

The PSA, co-written by Alexander Day and Brian Carufe and directed by Almog Avidan Antonir, is about acceptance, but it may also speak to role models and gender norms as much as gender identity issues. Ten years ago my son Joe was in fourth grade. At the public school he attended in Santa Monica, Calif., the students were given an assignment to become famous Californians. Their task was to research that person’s life, come to school dressed as them and do a presentation. Joe chose Alice Waters.

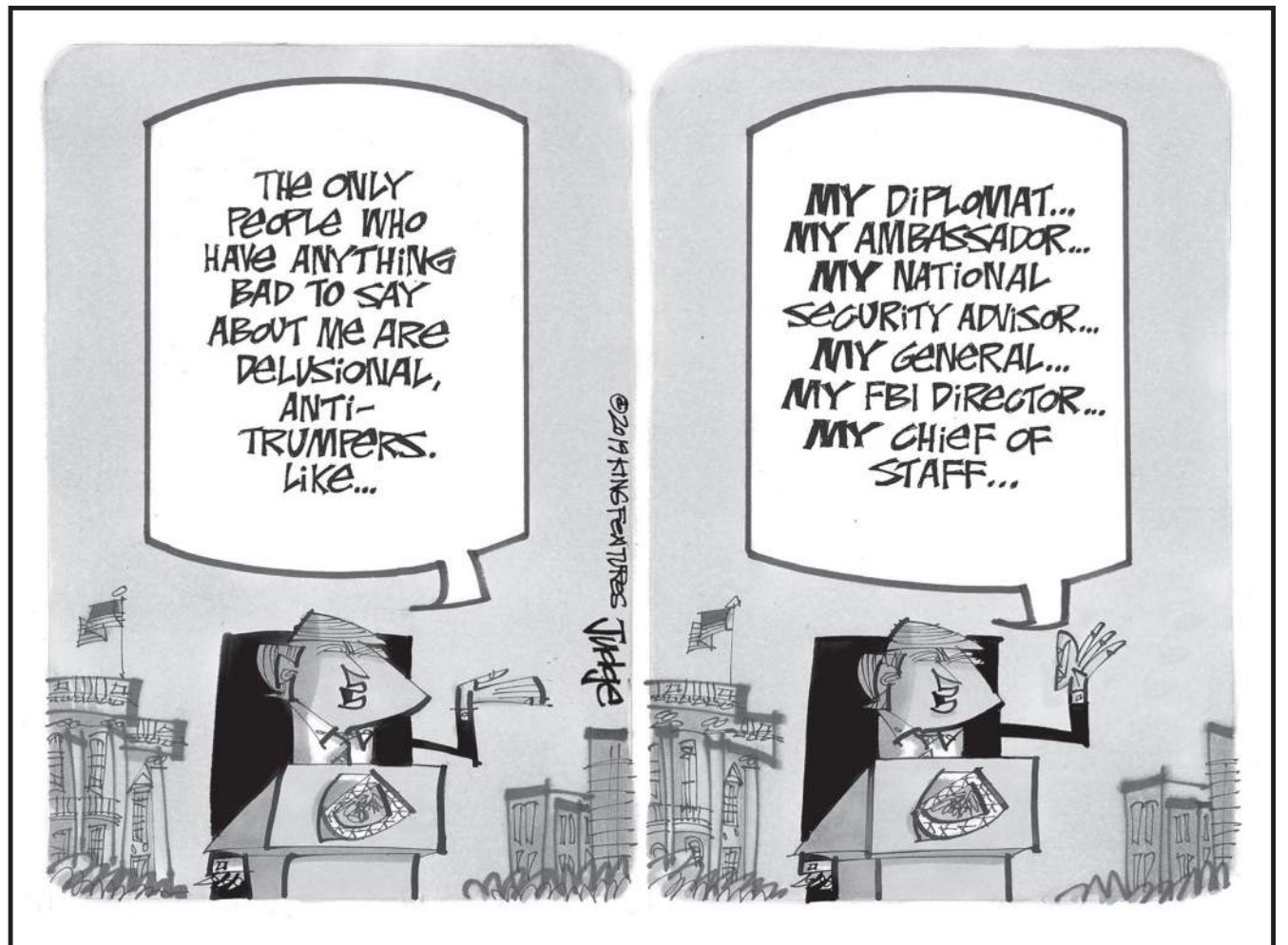
The following year his teacher called me. Unrelated to the issue that prompted the communication, she said that his record indicated that he’s transgender. This news wouldn’t have fazed me, but since my son had never expressed gender identity issues, I was flummoxed.

When I inquired she said, “He loves musical theater, most of his friends are girls and there was the ‘Alice Waters incident.’” I hadn’t realized it was an incident. Given options like Richard Nixon and the fact that Joe loves cooking, his choice seemed obvious. Why can’t our role models and heroes be anyone worthy of admiration, whether we share their identity or not?

Why wouldn’t the boy in the PSA pick Wonder Woman? If he wants to grow up and be Diana, great, but if he wants to grow up to be a cis male who embodies some of her superpowers like extraordinary humanity and compassion, that’d be respectable too.

Wonder Woman was born in the mind of American psychologist and writer William Moulton Marston, who also invented the polygraph. It was World War II and Marston wanted to create a figure who could triumph, not with fists or firepower, but with love. His wife, Elizabeth, and their life partner Olive Byrne—the three were

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OK, boomers, welcome to the other side of the generation gap

Back in 1965, only a couple of years after the term “baby boomer” caught on as a label for the generation born in the wake of World War II, one 17-year-old high school newspaper columnist tried to explain his generation to his skeptical elders:

“Although we still have to face our responsibilities someday,” he wrote, “our first impulse is to turn our backs and form a second society of our own. Someday we shall know for whom the bells toll but, for now, their sound is covered by the sounds of our hot rods and Beatles records.”

That young journalist was me. I wrote that bold, manifesto-like essay, “New Breed of Teen Creates Second Society,” in the March 2 edition of the biweekly newspaper at Middletown High School in Middletown, Ohio. It even won an award from a high school journalism association for best feature story, which helped to make up for my failure to make the school’s basketball team.

More than a half-century later, I find myself rereading that piece to reacquaint myself with my high school version of me, now that my generation faces a new cultural assault from post-boomers.

I’m referring to the odd internet meme “OK, boomer,” which has gone viral globally as Generations X, Y and Z’s all-purpose retort to older people, bless our hearts, who just don’t get it.

Appropriately, this craze reportedly began on TikTok, a website still almost unknown to those of us who are still wondering why Snapchat is any better than Facebook. In one well-known clip on TikTok, a man of senior years grumbles, “The millennials and Generation Z have the Peter Pan syndrome, they don’t ever want to grow up.” That brought thousands of replies, most of which were “ok boomer,” The New York Times reported.

The hashtag #okboomer went global. In New Zealand, Chlöe Swarbrick, a 25-year-old member of Parliament, went viral on video when she was heckled by an older member during a speech supporting a climate crisis bill. She casually responded with a terse, “OK, boomer,” and resumed her speech without missing a beat.

A more recently viral variation satirized news that former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg was preparing a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination: “Ok, Bloomer.”

But some attempts can be a tweet too far. Conservative Rochester radio host Bob Lonsberry, 60, tweeted this clunker of a protest tweet last weekend: “‘Boomer’ is the n-word of ageism. Being hip and flip does not make bigotry ok, nor is a derisive epithet acceptable because it is new.”

Tsk, tsk. Thanks, Mr. Lonsberry for adding to my examples of

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how you don’t have to be a liberal to act like a PC “snowflake.”

On the other hand, my own millennial son, Grady Page, age 30, tells me he is “extremely critical of the idea that there’s anything new about a millennial identity.”

Today’s “OK, boomer,” delivered with suitable eye-rolling condescension, is only a “repetition of the generation gap” that I was writing about in the 1960s. “Only it’s worse,” he said, “because at least in the ‘60s you had some sort of a real social critique that went along with that,” like the anti-war movement, “war on poverty” and the civil rights movement.

“Now everybody’s just seeking to identify with products and tastes for things like avocado toast,” he said.

Hey, lay off the avocado toast. That’s one of the Generation Z fads that I find to be pretty good.

More seriously, I think he’s shortchanging the explosion of activism that we have seen around issues like climate change, gun safety and police brutality in his own generation, which has more reasons than mine to care about them.

Nevertheless, we agreed that if the “OK, boomer” meme encourages the generations to talk to each other more, it can be a force for good.

When I wrote my high school newspaper report (did I mention that it won a prize?), I focused on how my generation’s youngsters were trying to construct a “second society” all their own. Decades later, I realize that every generation tries to do that. It’s not a different society as much as it is an attempt to improve the old one.

I finished that essay with a line from a hit by the British rockers the Animals: “I’m just a soul whose intentions are good / Oh, Lord, please don’t let me be misunderstood.”

I think we’re still trying to do that. But now that we have fewer days ahead of us than we have behind us, we boomers have to face an unavoidable reality. We tried our best, but the future increasingly belongs to new generations. OK, boomers?

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Trump is absolutely correct

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One number is needed to illustrate the absurdity that is the Paris climate agreement: 0.17 degree Celsius. That is the temperature reduction in 2100 attendant upon the Paris greenhouse gas emissions reduction, which is the simple sum of the promises (“Nationally Determined Contributions”) made by the participating countries. The U.S. contribution to that “achievement”: 0.015 degree Celsius. These figures are the modeling results using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency climate model. There is no dispute about them.

That global 0.17 degree Celsius includes the ostensible effects of the Obama 2015 pseudo-agreement with China, if it is meaningful. (It is not.) The Chinese promise that their greenhouse gas emissions will peak “around 2030.” How high will that peak be? No one knows. What will their emissions be after the peak? No one knows. What will happen if, or when, their emissions continue to rise after “around 2030”? Actually, we do know the answer to that: nothing.

A full implementation of the Paris agreement would impose annual costs of at least 1% of global GDP, or \$850 billion or more per year, inflicted disproportionately upon the world’s poor. (That is why there is a Green Climate Fund, which exists far more in theory than in fact.) Has anyone anywhere conducted a benefit/cost test under which the agreement makes any sense at all?

After all, substitutes for fossil fuels are vastly uncompetitive—the international evidence on that is incontrovertible—notwithstanding the laughable claims that wind and solar power now are “competitive,” assertions that ignore the massive subsidies, guaranteed market shares, and costs of backup generation and longer transmission systems. (It is no accident that power costs in California now are the highest in the lower 48 states.) And such substitutes are almost entirely a first-world luxury; for the most part, poor countries will respond to higher energy costs simply by consuming less. The proponents of the Paris agreement want to pretend that doing with less is costless because the value of forgone energy consumption does not show up in the national income accounts. The rest of us need not be so silly: Expensive energy means more poverty.

But, you say: Is there not a looming crisis?

Well, no. There is no evidence—none—in

support of the “crisis” (or “existential threat”) view of anthropogenic climate change. Temperatures are rising, but as the Little Ice Age ended around 1850, it is not easy to separate natural from anthropogenic effects on temperatures. The latest research in the peer-reviewed literature suggests that mankind is responsible for about 0.5 degree Celsius of the global temperature increase of about 1.5 degree Celsius since 1850.

Put aside the reality that the agreement does not and cannot contain a mechanism to enforce the “Nationally Determined Contributions.” More important, the NDCs cannot be taken seriously because almost all are promised greenhouse gas emissions cuts relative to a “business as usual” baseline, that is, relative to a future emissions path unconstrained by any policies at all. Since emissions are closely correlated with economic growth, a nation can “fulfill” its promise by assuming excessive economic growth; when actual growth proves lower, the same will be true for greenhouse gas emissions. Thus will the “commitments” be met without any actual change in underlying emissions behavior at all.

Not to worry, say the proponents: The agreement puts in place “monitoring,” a review process, and recalibration of targets every five years. That means, obviously, that the initial promises might not be met; precisely how is it that the revisions five years hence, and five years after that, ad infinitum, will prove any more meaningful than the original “landmark” Paris promises?

What is blatantly obvious is that this “review” process has nothing to do with emissions reductions; it is instead a full-employment act guaranteeing into the indefinite future endless meetings and U.N. Climate Change Conferences at luxury resorts for the international climate bureaucracy, academics, foundation staffers, politicians, celebrities and others for whom climate policy is a godsend. As an aside, the “monitoring” is to be done in part with satellite surveillance; am I alone in noticing the Big Brother flavor of this exercise?

Because the central ideological goal of the climate industry is an elimination of fossil fuels, the planet will never be saved and the goalposts will be moved continually. Accordingly, the Paris agreement is silly and destructive as a strategy to engender environmental improvement, but it works beautifully as a mechanism to transform the climate industry into a perpetual motion machine.

President Trump is wise to reject it.

Paris withdrawal being sold with a lie

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In a democracy, it’s important to be outraged when public servants lie about their rationale for decisions—especially big decisions that affect the future of our country and the planet. We can’t let ourselves be mollified by the constant barrage of distortions and misstatements of facts by politicians today. We must hold onto our outrage, and further, we must use that outrage to push for change. Our future depends on it.

Recently the Trump administration filed paperwork to begin the formal process of withdrawing from the Paris climate agreement. In a statement to the press, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said, “President Trump made the decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement because of the unfair economic burden imposed on American workers, businesses, and taxpayers by U.S. pledges made under the Agreement.”

In other words, Trump believes that staying in the agreement would be bad for business and the economy. That’s just not true. It’s the same argument the fossil fuel industry has been pushing for decades. That we can’t afford to reduce the use of fossil fuels. That we have to choose between polar bears and

jobs. That we can’t protect the environment and still grow the economy.

It was a lie in the late 1970s when Exxon and others started pushing it. And it’s even more

a lie now. The hundreds of thousands of businesses in the network I represent are proving every day that business can thrive by being sustainable. They don’t think protecting the environment and aggressively addressing the climate crisis

would be bad for business. Quite the opposite, they think it’s vital—as if our long-term survival depended on it.

Our organization co-sponsors a campaign of governors, mayors, business leaders and others to pledge publicly to keep to the Paris agreement, even if the U.S. withdraws. Today, the WeAreStillIn campaign has more than 3,800 total signers, including more than 2,209 businesses and investors. Among those are well-known brands like Walmart, Unilever, McDonald’s, Nestle US, Nike, Target, Google, Facebook, Johnson & Johnson, Levi Strauss, Tiffany and Under Armor.

More proof is everywhere. According to Environmental Entrepreneur’s report for 2018, “Clean jobs outnumber fossil fuels jobs nearly three to one (3.26 million to 1.17 million) and clean energy employers said they anticipate 6% job growth for 2019.” That’s

compared to 2.7% total job growth for all non-farm industries in 2018.

Yes government subsidies have helped this trend, but two points about that: First, don’t we want our government to subsidize the growth of cleaner, less-damaging energy sources? And second, our government still subsidizes the fossil fuel industry by between \$20 billion and \$649 billion per year. This, while government figures for subsidies to clean/alternative energy was only \$10 million in 2016, the last year reported.

Meanwhile, carbon pricing systems are working in “some 40 countries and more than 20 cities, states and provinces around the world. Carbon pricing systems now cover about 13% of annual global greenhouse gas emissions,” according to the World Bank.

And yet, the administration believes that the Paris agreement would be bad for business. In fairness, the coal industry and others in the larger fossil fuel industry still have big costs ahead of them as they transition to cleaner energy. But if we are to succeed in addressing the climate crisis, that needs to happen with or without Paris. If they were responsible, leaders of those businesses would have started the transition decades ago. Instead they let politicians enable them with lies.

In the end, business arguments against the Paris agreement are like the paint companies that said they would go out of business if they couldn’t keep lead in their paint. Or when the oil companies said they couldn’t afford to remove lead from gasoline. They may have a First Amendment right to lie in their advertising and their lobbying, and the politicians in their pocket may have a First Amendment right to lie about their rationale for making public policy that protects them, but we don’t have to agree. In a democracy, lies are supposed to be countered, shouted down and acted against until they stop.

The Paris climate agreement is a bright line in the fight to save our planet. Claims that it would be bad for business should not carry any weight. They should be dismissed outright. We need to focus on the costs of inaction and the potential benefits from taking swift, bold steps to address the climate crisis. Those benefits are for all to enjoy, including business.

Did the US make a wise decision in withdrawing from the Paris climate agreement?

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WONDER WOMAN

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in a committed polyamorous relationship—suggested the figure be female. Not only would she possess extraordinary physical strength, but her strength would come from empathy for humans and animals alike. It would come from honesty even if it took the lasso of truth to eek it out. And unlike the damsels in distress we’d seen before in comics who required male superheroes to free them she’d have the ability to free

herself from bondage.






It’s no wonder then that Wonder Woman’s image graced the cover of the second issue of Ms. magazine in 1972. It was time for women to free themselves. No one else could do it for us. But as someone who’s both fierce and nurturing, Diana is a role model for any person. Period.

My son Joe grew up to be a cis straight male. It’s not something to be celebrated or frowned upon—just his particular truth. He met Alice Waters at her restaurant, Chez Panisse. She later hand-wrote him a letter saying she’d give

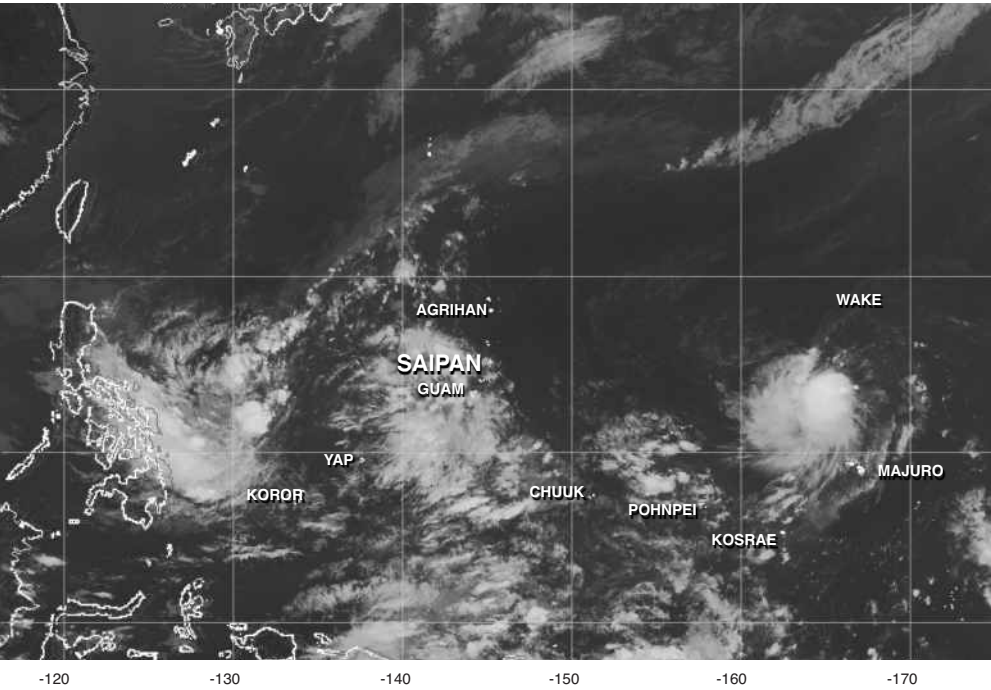
him a job someday. He was delighted, but he’s pursuing a BFA in musical theater. And many of his closest friends are still female.

Today when our children look to the world and its leaders, who and what will influence them? Will it be honesty or getting away with lies? Will it be firepower or will it be love? And will they learn to free themselves from whatever bondage society puts them in? I hope they won’t stop looking until they find worthy role models, regardless of how those role models identify.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
									
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
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PICTURE TIME: 9:05 AM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

Satellite imagery shows a band of clouds and showers just west of the Marianas, associated with the large weak circulation Invest 91W centered well northwest of Yap. Guam and Rota, situated along the eastern edge of the band, have mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers, while Tinian and Saipan are partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds are moderate from the southeast, while combined seas range from 3 to 5 feet. Well east of the region, tropical disturbance Invest 92W is centered north of Kwajalein near 12N and 167E, moving west.

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Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
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Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°

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Beijing	Windy	46° / 23°
Hong Kong	Sunny	82° / 66°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 73°
London	Showers	46° / 37°
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	82° / 59°
Manila	Showers	86° / 75°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	64° / 52°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	83° / 71°
New York	Rain	53° / 26°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	70° / 61°
Paris	Showers	46° / 37°
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	66° / 43°
Rome	Rain	61° / 52°
Salem	Rain	47° / 28°
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	63° / 49°
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Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	63° / 55°
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2019 Veterans Day



Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and U.S. ambassador to Palau Amy J. Hyatt, who was the keynote speaker, lead the wreath-laying ceremony at the Veterans Day celebration yesterday at the Court of Honor of the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

IVA MAURIN

Business

Chamber welcomes 3 new businesses

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce increased its membership, as it introduced three new businesses joining the Chamber. PHI Pharmacy, the Commonwealth Health Care Corp., and RebelFi CNMI were introduced during the Chamber's membership meeting last week.

PHI Pharmacy general manager Joshua Wise told the Chamber that the pharmacy's interest of joining is because of the ongoing concerns related to healthcare. "My goal has been to unify healthcare across all different spectrums from doctors and pharmacists, to small town insurance companies and cities," Wise said.

Wise said the pharmacy aims to not only be known as a medication distributor, but to become an accessible medical provider for the CNMI as they aim to advance health care in the CNMI through the chamber.

CHCC CEO Esther Muña presented on behalf of the corporation. Muña said in order to solve the current health care issues affecting the CNMI, the CHCC must be able to collaborate with other businesses and help the CHCC address



Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Maxine Laszlo introduces the new members of the Chamber during its general membership meeting last Wednesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Ballroom. PHI Pharmacy, the Commonwealth Health Care Corp., and RebelFi CNMI are the new members of the Chamber.

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these issues leading to CHCC joining the Chamber.

"We wanted to work with

the community and with the partnership with the Chamber, this is just the first step to more

opportunities in health care," Muña said.

Lastly, RebelFi CNMI is a recently opened small business that handles customized apparels and online shopping. Owner Nathan Roppul took the opportunity to show how creating and expanding a small business can influence a younger generation of entrepreneurs.

"Like a lot of groups on Facebook, I started off in a hotel room and here I am presenting to the [Chamber] about my business mode, and I hope to become a role model to the younger generation of entrepreneurs," Roppul said.

With this new membership, these three businesses/entities have access to a wide range

of businesses in the CNMI to network, communicate, and possibly, collaborate through a shared network.

Founded in 1959, the Chamber now has over 140 members ranging from sole-proprietors to large resort hotels, service companies, tour agencies, insurance firms to construction companies.

FBI: Cybercrimes on the rise because of sophisticated scams

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—On Dec. 14, 2018, Aaron Cole was about to buy a new house and received an email that he thought was from his title company, directing him to make a \$123,000 deposit.

Cole complied, not realizing that a sophisticated hacker network had likely been spying on his communications with the title company and that although the email looked like others he had received from the title company, this time, the email address was slightly different.

A week later, the title company called, advising him it was time to send money. The Oregon man suddenly realized he had given away his family's life savings to criminals. The money was from the sale of their former house.

"It was the worst feeling," Cole said Friday. "And then having to go home and tell my wife that I just gave away all the money. She could tell right when I walked in the house and just sat down, and I just couldn't come up with the words to tell her."

In 2015, \$220 million was lost to wire fraud in the

United States. In 2019, losses will surpass \$1.5 billion, according to WFG National Title Insurance Company.

In the past, attempts to trick people were often clumsy, FBI agents told journalists on Friday. Now they can be sophisticated. If people are asked via email to transfer money under a deadline, they should not rush and instead call a known number of the person the email is purportedly from and confirm the request, the agents said.

"The emails have gotten well-crafted and quite detailed. They're highly tailored to that particular victim," said Gabriel Gundersen, an FBI supervisory special agent with the Oregon Cyber Task Force. "It's a social engineering piece, where they're coercing a victim to do something based on an artificial agenda or an artificial timeline."

In one of the largest cases of its kind in U.S. history, federal authorities in Los Angeles announced an indictment in August charging 80 people, most of them Nigerians, with stealing \$6 million in an email scam and money laundering

network. George Chamberlin, assistant special FBI agent in charge of the Portland division, said such cases can take years to develop.

Partnerships between victims, local law enforcement, the FBI and its field offices overseas, and law enforcement in other countries is critical to combatting this transnational crime, said Loren Cannon, the FBI's special agent in charge of the Portland office.

In Oregon, losses surpassed \$24 million from computer-related crimes from Jan. 1 through Sept. 30 of this year. For all of last year, \$23.5 million was stolen, the FBI said.

Most of the money has been lost in so-called business email compromise scams, in which organized crime groups trick victims into making wire transfers to bank accounts controlled by the criminals.

Cole, from the Portland suburb of Oregon City, was lucky. His title firm, WFG National Title Insurance Company, hired him—for the same amount of money he lost—to be a spokesman to warn others about cyber scams.

Iran discovers new oil field with over 50B barrels

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran has discovered a new oil field in the country's south with over 50 billion barrels of crude, its president said Sunday, a find that could boost the country's proven reserves by a third as it struggles to sell energy abroad over U.S. sanctions.

The announcement by Hassan Rouhani comes as Iran faces crushing American sanctions after the U.S. pulled out of its nuclear deal with world powers last year.

Rouhani made the announcement in a speech in the desert city of Yazd. He said the field was located in Iran's southern Khuzestan province, home to its crucial oil industry.

Some 53 billion barrels would be added to Iran's proven reserves of roughly 150 billion, he said.

"I am telling the White House that in the days when you sanctioned the sale of Iranian oil and pressured our na-

tion, the country's dear workers and engineers were able to discover 53 billion barrels of oil in a big field," Rouhani said.

Oil reserves refer to crude that's economically feasible to extract. Figures can vary wildly by country due to differing standards, though it remains a yardstick of comparison among oil-producing nations.

Iran currently has the world's fourth-largest proven deposits of crude oil and the world's second-largest deposits of natural gas. It shares a massive offshore field in the Persian Gulf with Qatar.

The new oil field could become Iran's second-largest field after one containing 65 billion barrels in Ahvaz. The field is 2,400 square kilometers (925 square miles), with the deposit some 80 meters (260 feet) deep, Rouhani said.

Since the U.S. withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal, the other countries involved

— Germany, France, Britain, Russia and China — have been struggling to save it. However, they've offered no means by which Iran can sell its oil abroad.

Any company or government that buys Iran's oil faces harsh U.S. sanctions, the threat of which also stopped billions of dollars in business deals and sharply depreciated Iran's currency, the rial.

Iran has since gone beyond the deal's stockpile and enrichment limits, as well as started using advanced centrifuges barred by the deal. It also just began injecting uranium gas into centrifuges at an underground facility.

The collapse of the nuclear deal coincided with a tense summer of mysterious attacks on oil tankers and Saudi oil facilities that the U.S. blamed on Iran. Tehran denied the allegation, though it did seize oil tankers and shoot down a U.S. military surveillance drone.

Nation

Justices take up high-profile case over young immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court is taking up the Trump administration's plan to end legal protections that shield 660,000 immigrants from deportation, a case with strong political overtones amid the 2020 presidential election campaign.

All eyes will be on Chief Justice John Roberts when the court hears arguments Tuesday. Roberts is the conservative justice closest to the court's center who also is keenly aware of public perceptions of an ideologically divided court.

It's the third time in three years that the administration is asking the justices to rescue a controversial policy that has been blocked by several lower courts.

The court sided with President Donald Trump in allowing him to enforce the travel ban on visitors from some majority Muslim countries, but it blocked the administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

Roberts was the only member of the court in the majority both times, siding with four conservatives on the travel ban and four liberals in the census case. His vote could be decisive a third time, as well.

The program before the court is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era program that aimed to bring out of the shadows people who have



Michelle Lainez, 17, originally from El Salvador but now living in Gaithersburg, Md., speaks during a rally outside the Supreme Court in Washington, Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

been in the United States since they were children and are in the country illegally. In some cases, they have no memory of any home other than the U.S.

With Congress at an impasse over a comprehensive immigration bill, President Barack Obama decided to formally protect people from deportation while also allowing them to work legally in the U.S.

But Trump made tough talk

on immigration a central part of his campaign and less than eight months after taking office, he announced in September 2017 that he would end DACA.

Immigrants, civil rights groups, universities and Democratic-led states quickly sued, and courts put the administration's plan on hold.

There are two questions before the Supreme Court: whether federal judges can

even review the decision to end the program and, if they can, whether the way the administration has gone about winding down DACA is legal.

In that sense, the case resembles the dispute over the census citizenship question, which focused on the process the administration used in trying to add the question to the 2020 census. In the end, Roberts wrote that the reason the administration gave for want-

ing the question "seems to have been contrived."

There also are similarities to the travel ban case, in which the administration argued that courts had no role to play and that the executive branch has vast discretion over immigration, certainly enough to justify Trump's ban. In the Supreme Court decision, Roberts wrote that immigration law gives the president "broad discretion to suspend the entry of

aliens into the United States. The President lawfully exercised that discretion."

The Supreme Court fight over DACA has played out in a kind of legal slow motion. The administration first wanted the justices to hear and decide the case by June 2018. The justices said no. The justice Department returned to the court a year ago, but the justices did nothing for more than seven months before agreeing to hear arguments.

The delay has bought DACA recipients at least two extra years because a decision now isn't expected until June 2020, which also could thrust the issue into the presidential campaign.

In part the court's slow pace can be explained by a preference to have Congress legislate a lasting resolution of the issue. But Trump and Congress failed to strike a deal on DACA.

Janet Napolitano, the University of California president who served as Obama's homeland security secretary when DACA was created, said the administration seems to recognize that ending DACA protections would be unpopular.

"And so perhaps they think it better that they be ordered by the court to do it as opposed to doing it correctly on their own," Napolitano said in an interview with The Associated Press. She is a named plaintiff in the litigation.

NRA turmoil creates rift among some big donors

Joe Olson was once such a passionate supporter of the National Rifle Association that he pledged to bequeath several million dollars from his estate to the gun organization upon his death.

But the steady drip of investigations and misspending allegations and a shakeup at the top ranks of the NRA compelled him to alter his will. The NRA will no longer get his money.

"The rot had gotten worse and I simply decided: No, I'm not giving those people my money," Olson said.

Olson reflects what has become a new challenge for the NRA as its legal and financial issues stack up: the loss of big donors.

The NRA attributes much of its success and power to rank-and-file members who contribute a few dollars here and there throughout the year, but it's the big-ticket donors who fuel the organization's finances. They also play a role

in who serves on the board of directors and are active on the NRA social and fundraising scene, whether it's at galas or hunting trips.

And there are signs that some of them are growing uneasy over the NRA's troubles.

One of them went so far as to file a lawsuit against the NRA claiming misuse of funds and started a website that seeks changes to the NRA—from the ouster of longtime CEO Wayne LaPierre, to halving the size of the 76-member board of directors.

The donor, David Dell'Aquila, also claims that he has gotten others like him to withhold millions of dollars.

Over the years, Dell'Aquila has given about \$100,000 and he and his wife pledged to bequeath several million dollars from an estate he amassed after a career as a technology consultant.

Large donors have long been a reliable source of money for the NRA, helping

fuel the clout that it wields in American politics.

In 2017, the NRA received seven donations of more than \$1 million, including one for more than \$18 million, according to tax records. The NRA's 2018 records are not available yet, meaning it's too early to know how the recent turmoil engulfing the group affected contributions.

Despite the handful of million-dollar-plus donors, the group saw its overall contributions plummet from \$124 million in 2016 to \$98 million in 2017.

An NRA member for about 20 years, Dell'Aquila became more heavily involved after attending an annual meeting for the first time in 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee, where he lives. A longtime hunter, Dell'Aquila said it was after that meeting that he decided to contribute big sums to the NRA, seeing it as an organization that would help preserve gun rights.

ACROSS THE NATION

Girl, 14, charged in beating death of animal rescuer

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Authorities say a 14-year-old girl has been charged with murder in the beating death of a well-known animal rescuer in his Philadelphia home. Court documents indicate the teenager is also charged with robbery, evidence tampering and other counts in the Nov. 4 death of 59-year-old Albert Chernoff. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that Chernoff was pronounced dead at the scene after he was found partially tied to a bed with a head wound and slashing injuries on his chest. Chernoff, a longtime city employee, went by the nickname of "Alley Cat" and used that name for his one-man cat rescue operation that was featured on the NATGeoTV reality show Rescue Ink. The Defender Association of Philadelphia, listed in court documents as representing the teen, couldn't be reached Sunday.

3 rescued, 1 missing after boat capsized off California

BODEGA BAY, Calif. (AP)—The Coast Guard has suspended a search for a man who went missing after a fishing boat capsized off Northern California. The search was called off Sunday after crews rescued three others who were on the boat and looked through the night for the missing man in the water about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northwest of Bodega Bay. The

Coast Guard said it received a distress call from the 54-foot (5-sq. meter) vessel named Miss Hailee around 5:30 p.m. Saturday. When a helicopter crew arrived, they located two men and a woman in the water and hoisted them aboard the aircraft. Crews were told a fourth man believed to be wearing a life jacket was missing. They covered approximately 368 square miles (953 square kilometers) over 16 hours before suspending the search.

2 dead after Porsche crashes into building's 2nd floor

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP)—Police say a convertible traveling at high speed went airborne and crashed into the second floor of a New Jersey commercial building, killing both of the car's occupants. Toms River police say the red Porsche Boxster went out of control just after 6:30 a.m. Sunday. The car hit the center median, struck an embankment and went airborne into the building. Police said two Toms River men, 22-year-old Braden DeMartin and 23-year-old Daniel Foley, were deceased when emergency responders arrived at the scene. Police said the structure, which was unoccupied at the time, had been deemed unsafe by a building inspector. Sgt. Vincent Padalino said the building, which is across from Hooper Avenue Elementary School, houses four businesses, including a counseling service and a real estate company.

Asia

HK police shoot protester as activists block streets

HONG KONG (AP)—A Hong Kong protester was shot by police Monday in a dramatic scene caught on video as demonstrators blocked train lines and roads during the morning commute.

The shooting is likely to inflame anger further in this semi-autonomous Chinese territory after a student who fell during an earlier protest succumbed to his injuries Friday and police arrested six pro-democracy lawmakers over

the weekend.

The video shows a police officer shooting away a group of protesters at the intersection, then drawing his gun on a masked protester in a white hooded sweatshirt who approaches him.

As the two struggle, another protester in black approaches, and the officer points his gun at the second one. He then fires at the stomach area of the second protester, who falls to the ground. The officer appeared to

fire again as a third protester in black joined the tussle.

The protester in white manages to flee, bounding up a nearby stairway, and the officer and a colleague pin the two in black to the ground.

Police said that only one protester was hit and he was undergoing surgery. A spokeswoman for the Hong Kong hospital authority said the person shot was in critical condition but gave no further details.

Hong Kong is in the sixth

month of protests that began over a proposed extradition law and have expanded to include demands for greater democracy and police accountability. Activists say Hong Kong's autonomy and Western-style civil liberties, promised when the former British colony was returned to China in 1997, are eroding.

The video of Monday's shooting was posted on Facebook by Cupid Producer, an outlet that started last year and

appears to post mostly live videos related to local news.

The shooting occurred in a crosswalk at a large intersection strewn with debris that had backed-up traffic in Sai Wan Ho, a neighborhood on the eastern part of Hong Kong Island.

Protesters blocked intersections around the city and disrupted subway and commuter rail service. The rail operator, MTR, suspended service on several lines, and public broadcaster RTHK reported that a fire had been set inside a train at Kwai Fong station.

In a news release, the Hong Kong government said police had been responding to vandalism and disruptions to traffic, including protesters throwing heavy objects onto roads from above.

"During police operations, one police officer has discharged his service revolver, one male was shot," the release said, adding that officers also drew their guns in the Shatin and Tung Chung neighborhoods.

The release denied what it called online rumors saying

police had been ordered to "recklessly use their firearms," calling the allegation "totally false and malicious."

"All police officers are required to justify their enforcement actions," the statement said.

A patch of what looked like dried blood could be seen in a cordoned-off area after the shooting, as onlookers shouted insults at the police.

Masked protesters continued to try to block other intersections in the area. Police chased them away with pepper spray, hitting some bystanders as well.

On Sunday, police fired tear gas and protesters vandalized stores at shopping malls in anti-government demonstrations across Hong Kong. They targeted businesses whose owners are seen as pro-Beijing and also damaged the Sha Tin train station.

Police said they arrested at least 88 people on various charges, including unlawful assembly, possession of an offensive weapon, criminal damage and wearing masks at an unlawful assembly.



AP

A protester is detained in Hong Kong Monday, Nov. 11, 2019. Hong Kong is in the sixth month of protests that began in June over a proposed extradition law and have expanded to include demands for greater democracy and other grievances.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Malaysian ex-PM Najib ordered to enter defense in 1MDB case

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—A Malaysian judge on Monday ordered former Prime Minister Najib Razak to enter a defense at his first corruption trial linked to the multibillion-dollar looting at the 1MDB state investment fund that helped spur his shocking election ouster last year. A calm Najib said in court he would testify in his defense when the trial resumes. High Court Judge Mohamad Nazlan Mohamad Ghazali said the prosecution had established its case on charges of abuse of power, breach of trust and money laundering. The seven charges relate to 42 million ringgit (\$10.1 million) that allegedly went into Najib's bank accounts from SRC International, a former unit of the 1MDB fund. The judge said it was clear that Najib, who was also finance minister

at the time, had "wielded overarching authority and power" in SRC and taken actions for "personal and private interest." He said the prosecution has established the "ingredient of dishonesty" in misappropriating the funds. Defense lawyers said Najib would be the first witness called when the trial resumes Dec. 3.

Cambodian court eases detention of top opposition figure

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—A Cambodian court has lifted some restrictions on detained opposition leader Kem Sokha, essentially freeing him from house arrest and taking some of the spotlight off his exiled colleague who is attempting to return to the country. Sam Rainsy, the co-founder with Kem Sokha of the banned Cambodia National Rescue Party, arrived in Malaysia from Europe on Saturday on a well-pub-

licized trip to lead a movement to oust long-serving authoritarian Prime Minister Hun Sen. Sam Rainsy missed his self-declared deadline of returning to his home country on Saturday, Cambodia's Independence Day, and his further plans are not clear. He had been barred from entering Cambodia, but Deputy Prime Minister Sar Kheng said in a Facebook post that he was now welcome to return but would have to face justice in several concluded and pending legal cases. While Kem Sokha and Sam Rainsy are political partners, they're also rivals. There also are bad feelings between their respective supporters because of Kem Sokha's willingness to stay in Cambodia while Sam Rainsy has been in self-imposed exile since 2015.

Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Greece for visit

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—

Chinese President Xi Jinping has arrived in Greece on an official visit meant to deepen economic ties between the two countries. Xi is due to meet President Prokopis Pavlopoulos, who visited China last May, and Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on Monday. Xi and Mitsotakis met a few days ago, at the China International Import Expo in Shanghai. Xi and Mitsotakis will visit the port of Piraeus, Greece's largest and majority owned by Chinese port operator Cosco. It is the biggest Chinese investment in Greece and Cosco recently received approval for a new investment plan that includes building a new cargo terminal. Xi will also attend the opening of Bank of China's first branch in the country. Before departing from Athens on Tuesday, Xi will visit the Acropolis Museum.

NZ could ban some criminals from being near firearms

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealand's government on Monday proposed legislation to ban certain criminals from being anywhere near guns even if they don't own them, a measure that politicians acknowledge has significant human rights implications.

The proposed law would make it illegal for some criminals to live or visit a house where a gun is present or to travel in a car that has a gun inside. It could also prevent them from being around guns at other places including at work, on a farm or at a clubroom.

The proposal is the latest gun-control measure introduced by the government since Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in March vowed to overhaul gun laws in the days after a gunman killed 51 people at two Christchurch mosques.

Since then, the government has banned assault weapons such as AR-15-style rifles and has introduced a bill that would create a gun registry to track all guns in the country.

The government launched a buyback scheme that runs until December to compensate gun owners for the newly outlawed semi-automatics, and has so far collected 36,000 banned weapons and 132,000 banned parts.

The new measure would likely allow police to conduct warrantless searches and also

raises questions about other human rights enshrined in New Zealand law, including the freedom to associate with other people and the right to be presumed innocent.

Unlike in the U.S., there are no constitutional protections around owning guns and Ardern has said gun ownership in New Zealand is a privilege, not a right.

The government has invited people to have their say on the proposed law before the details are finalized. Police Minister Stuart Nash said it would be aimed at the most violent offenders, who would be issued with a Firearms Prohibition Order.

"There are human rights concerns and I think we have been very open about that," Nash said. "And hence the reason why we are putting this out to consultation."

So far, there has been little opposition.

Nicole McKee, the secretary for the Council of Licensed Firearms Owners, said the lobby group wasn't opposed in principle, although it would want to ensure there were no unintended consequences for law-abiding gun owners.

"It's pleasing to hear that the government is looking for some thorough consultation," she said.

The public have until January to weigh in before the government crafts a bill.

World

Bolivia's president resigns amid election-fraud allegations

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—President Evo Morales resigned Sunday under mounting pressure from Bolivia's military and the public after his re-election victory triggered weeks of fraud allegations and deadly protests.

The decision came after a day of fast-moving developments, including an offer from Morales to hold a new election. The crisis deepened dramatically when the country's military chief went on national television to call on the president to step down.

"I am sending my resignation letter to the Legislative Assembly of Bolivia," the 60-year-old socialist leader said, portraying his departure as the culmination of a "coup d'état."

He added: "I ask you to stop attacking the brothers and sisters, stop burning and attacking."

Before Morales had even finished his statement, people

began honking their car horns in La Paz and other cities and took to the streets to celebrate, waving Bolivian flags and setting off fireworks.

"This is not Cuba, nor Venezuela. This is Bolivia, and Bolivia is respected," a crowd in the capital shouted.

Large crowds formed in the main squares in the capital, with many people rejoicing and some crying tears of joy. Protesters lay down in front of the presidential palace and set a coffin on fire to symbolize the death of the Morales government.

"We are celebrating that Bolivia is free," said one demonstrator near the presidential palace.

It was not immediately clear who would succeed Morales. His vice president also resigned as did the Senate president, who was next in line. The only other official listed by the constitution as a successor, the head of the lower



AP
Bolivia's President Evo Morales arrives a press conference at the military airport in El Alto, Bolivia, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019.

bunal, Maria Eugenia Choque, stepped down after the release of the OAS findings. The attorney general's office said it would investigate the tribunal's judges for possible fraud, and police later said Choque had been detained along with 37 other officials on suspicion of electoral crimes.

Morales, whose whereabouts were unknown, went on Twitter late Sunday to claim authorities were seeking to arrest him, but police Gen. Yuri Calderon denied any apprehension order had been issued for the resigned leader. He called such rumors "fake news."

In his tweet, Morales said: "I report to the world and Bolivian people that a police officer publicly announced that he has instructions to execute an unlawful apprehension order against me; in addition, violent groups also stormed my home."

Armed intruders did break into Morales' home in Cochabamba.

Mexico's government reported Sunday night that 20 members of Bolivia's executive and legislative branches were at the official Mexican residence in the capital seeking asylum.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard also said on Twitter that Mexico would offer asylum to Morales if should ask for it. There was no indication that Morales had done that.

Far right surges amid socialist win in Spain

MADRID (AP)—Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez's Socialists won Spain's national election on Sunday but large gains by the upstart far-right Vox party appear certain to widen the political deadlock in the European Union's fifth-largest economy.

After a fourth national ballot in as many years and the second in less than seven months, the left-wing Socialists held on as the leading power in the national parliament. With 99.9% of the votes counted, the Socialists captured 120 seats, down three seats from the last election in April and still far from the absolute majority of 176 needed to form a government alone.

The big political shift came as right-wing voters flocked to Vox, which only had broken into Parliament in the spring for the first time. Sunday's outcome means there will be no immediate end to the stalemate between forces on the right and the left in Spain, suggesting the country could go many more weeks or even months without a new government.

The far-right party led by 43-year-old Santiago Abascal, who speaks of "reconquering" Spain in terms that echo the medieval wars between Christian and Moorish forces, rocketed from 24 to 52 seats. That will make Vox the third leading party in the Congress of Deputies, giving it much more leverage in forming a government and crafting legislation.

The party has vowed to be much tougher on both Cata-

lan separatists and migrants.

Abascal called his party's success "the greatest political feat seen in Spain."

"Just 11 months ago, we weren't even in any regional legislature in Spain. Today we are the third-largest party in Spain and the party that has grown the most in votes and seats," said Abascal, who promised to battle the "progressive dictatorship."

Right-wing populist and anti-migrant leaders across Europe celebrated Vox's strong showing.

Marine Le Pen, who heads France's National Rally party, congratulated Abascal, saying his impressive work "is already bearing fruit after only a few years."

In Italy, Matteo Salvini of the right-wing League party tweeted a picture of himself next to Abascal with the words "Congratulations to Vox!" above Spanish and Italian flags. And in the Netherlands, anti-Islam Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders posted a photograph of himself with Abascal and wrote "FELICIDADES"—Spanish for congratulations—with three thumbs-up emojis.

With Sunday's outcome, the mainstream conservative Popular Party rebounded from its previous debacle in the April vote to 88 seats from 66, a historic low. The far-left United We Can, which had rejected an offer to help the Socialists form a left-wing government over the summer, lost some ground to get 35 seats.

house, already had resigned.

Morales was the first member of Bolivia's indigenous population to become president and was in power for 13 years and nine months, the longest span in the country's history.

But his claim to have won a fourth term last month set off unrest that left three people dead and over 100 injured in clashes between his supporters and opponents.

After nightfall, there were reports of tensions in La Paz and the neighboring city of El Alto, with reports of looting

and burning of public property and some houses.

Earlier Sunday, the Organization of American States said in a preliminary report that it had found a "heap of observed irregularities" in the Oct. 20 election and that a new vote should be held.

Morales agreed to that. But within hours, the military chief, Gen. Williams Kaliman, made it clear that would not be sufficient.

"After analyzing the situation of internal conflict, we ask the president to resign,

allowing peace to be restored and stability to be maintained for the good of our Bolivia," Kaliman said.

The leadership crisis escalated in the hours leading up to Morales' resignation. Two government ministers in charge of mines and hydrocarbons, the Chamber of Deputies president and three other pro-government legislators announced their resignations. Some said opposition supporters had threatened their families.

In addition, the head of Bolivia's Supreme Electoral Tri-

Iran calls ex-FBI agent's case a 'missing person' file

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Iran on Sunday said an open Revolutionary Court case involving an ex-FBI agent who disappeared there in 2007 on an unauthorized CIA mission "was a missing person" filing, not a sign that the man was being prosecuted.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi's comments come as a new Iranian acknowledgement of the case involving Robert Levinson renewed questions about his disappearance. The U.S. is offering \$25 million for information about what happened to Levinson, who disappeared from Iran's Kish Island on March 9, 2007.

Speaking to journalists, Mousavi said Levinson "has no judicial or criminal case in any Islamic Republic of Iran court whatsoever."

"It is normal that a case is opened like it's done for any missing people anywhere in

Iran," Mousavi said.

However, Iran only acknowledged its Revolutionary Court had an open case on Levinson in a filing to the United Nations. The Associated Press obtained a copy of a U.N. report on the acknowledgement Saturday.

Iran's Revolutionary Court typically handles espionage cases and others involving smuggling, blasphemy and attempts to overthrow its Islamic government. Westerners and Iranian dual nationals with ties to the West often find themselves tried and convicted in closed-door trials in these courts, only later to be used as bargaining chips in negotiations.

For years, U.S. officials would only say that Levinson, a meticulous FBI investigator credited with busting Russian and Italian mobsters, was working for a private firm on his trip.

In December 2013, the AP revealed Levinson in fact had

been on a mission for CIA analysts who had no authority to run spy operations. Levinson's family had received a \$2.5 million annuity from the CIA in order to stop a lawsuit revealing details of his work, while the agency forced out three veteran analysts and disciplined seven others.

Since his disappearance, the only photos and video of Levinson emerged in 2010 and 2011. He appeared gaunt and bearded with long hair, and was wearing an orange jumpsuit similar to those worn by detainees at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay.

Iran for years has offered contradictory statements about Levinson. His family is now suing Iran in U.S. federal court, alleging the Iranian government kidnapped him.

A senior State Department official said the U.S. had not been informed of any change in that position. However, the official, speaking on condi-

tion of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the case, said the U.S. had reached out "through intermediaries" to Iran to see if the statement represented a change in Iran's stance. The official said there had not yet been a response to the inquiry.

The official would not say who the intermediaries are, but U.S. interests in Iran are handled by Switzerland. Successive U.S. administrations have used the Swiss as their main interlocuter with Iranian authorities in cases where Americans have gone missing or been detained in Iran.

Brian Hook, the U.S. special envoy for Iran, has raised Levinson's case, as well as those of other Americans, with Iranian officials in the past. Robert O'Brien, before becoming Trump's national security adviser, had made Levinson's case a priority when he served as the special representative for hostage affairs.

Focus



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From left; Humberto Diaz, John Diaz, 7, Joseph Diaz, 10, right, and Karina Ruiz eat dinner at their home, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 in Glendale, Ariz. Karina is in a program dating back to the Obama administration that allows immigrants brought here as children to work and protects them from deportation. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday, Nov. 12, about President Donald Trump's attempt to end the program, and the stakes are particularly high for the older generation of people enrolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA.

For 30-somethings, stakes are high over future of

DACA

AP
Joseph Diaz, 10, right, and his brother, John Diaz, 7, watch videos as their parents, Karina Ruiz and Humberto Diaz prepare dinner at their home, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 in Glendale, Ariz. Karina is in a program dating back to the Obama administration that allows immigrants brought here as children to work and protects them from deportation. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday, Nov. 12, about President Donald Trump's attempt to end the program, and the stakes are particularly high for the older generation of people enrolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA.

By ASTRID GALVAN
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PHOENIX (AP)—Karina Ruiz's life is deeply rooted in Phoenix. She has three children and two grandkids, a side gig selling houses, frantic days rushing kids off to school and activities, a busy work schedule filled with meetings.

The 35-year-old knows that little of this would be possible without her enrollment in a program dating back to the Obama administration that allows immigrants brought here as children to work and protects them from deportation.

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday about President Donald Trump's attempt to end the program, and the stakes are particularly high for the older generation of people en-

rolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA.

DACA recipients are often thought of as college students, but as the 7-year-old policy has aged, so have its beneficiaries. Roughly 18% of the 669,000 people enrolled in DACA are 31 and older.

As the DACA recipients grow older, they have become even more embedded in American life. They have children, blossoming careers, mortgages, car payments and other financial responsibilities that come along with becoming a 30-something. Some of them jokingly call themselves the "elder Dreamers."

"We're so much more than just students, and as we grow and become of age, usually with age comes responsibility," Ruiz said. "I wonder who is going to help my children do their homework. Who is going to take them to summer camp or organize their birthdays? So

all those things worry me."

The immigrants hope that the Supreme Court case will bring an end to a long period of legal limbo.

In the early 2000s, immigrant youths who were brought to the U.S. as children and raised in American schools with American ways were pushing for a legislative fix to their tenuous situation. The first of several attempts to address this was the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, introduced in 2001 by two senators from opposing parties. The bill failed, and so have more than 10 other attempts at passing similar laws under three administrations.

In 2012, under intense pressure from young activists, President Barack Obama announced DACA's creation. It was limited to people between 15 and 30 years old and to those who were attending or

graduated from high school and lacked a criminal record.

President Barack Obama later tried to expand the protections to younger people and parents of DACA recipients but was blocked by the courts.

On Sept. 15, 2017, the Trump administration announced the end of the program, setting off a series of legal challenges that will culminate before the Supreme Court. A decision is expected in the spring.

DACA remains in existence, but only for people who were already enrolled when Trump ended it.

If the Supreme Court sides with the Trump administration, it would throw the lives of DACA recipients back into type of limbo they regularly experienced before the program.

The life of Edison Suasnavas, a 33-year-old in Salt Lake City, changed drastically when he got DACA. He worked a low-paying job at a hotel before getting authorization to work. Now, he's putting to use his advanced biology degrees while working in a lab analyzing cancer cells at the University of Utah's molecular oncology department.

Suasnavas is married, has a young daughter and is expecting another baby soon. The Ecuador native owns a home and two cars.

But he said the anxiety over the program's fate has caused him to consider moving to a different country.

"It's been really hard because every morning you wake up thinking that something's gonna get done or they're gonna listen to stories like mine and they're trying to somehow understand that most of us, first of all, it wasn't our decision to come here and that if you think about it, what did we do wrong?"

Ruiz, who is from Mexico, was in college when Arizona voters passed a ballot initiative in 2006 requiring students without legal status to pay out-of-state tuition, or about triple the cost. She could no longer afford tuition and had to end her pursuit of biochemistry degree and a career in pharmacy, although she eventually went back to school and got her degree.

Slowly, Ruiz became involved in advocacy work, and it's now her primary job. Along the way, she and her husband built a family: three boys, ages 7, 9 and 17. Her oldest child has two children of his own, which has added grandmother duties to her daily routine.

"I think they rely heavily on the support I provide them with the help of my husband not just economically but emotionally," Ruiz said.

At 37, Andreas Magnusson is among the oldest immigrants enrolled in DACA.

He is a successful music producer who came to the U.S. from Sweden when he was a toddler. His mother had a student visa and eventually found an employer who was

sponsoring the two, but an immigration lawyer botched their case, and Magnusson, already an adult with a growing business, a home and a car, was left without legal status.

Magnusson estimates he's spent \$40,000 on attorney and application fees over the years while attempting to fix his status. His mother, who has since become a U.S. citizen, sponsored Magnusson but it'll be many years before he can get permanent legal residency, or a green card.

Lili Sanchez, 32, spent years working with a fake Social Security number in low-wage jobs to support her two daughters, who are now 15 and 12 years old. Sanchez used to live in constant fear, finding herself unnerved by just hunting for a place to live because she didn't know what kind of documents the apartment complex might request.

With DACA, she was able to get her real estate license, work and eventually buy her own home in a Phoenix suburb. She's studying to become a life coach.

Sanchez still faces hurdles, like not being able to see her mom for the past eight years because she moved back to Mexico. She worries about the future of DACA.

"I've lived here all of my life, this is my home. So for me everything is at stake. It would mean starting my life over there with my kids. It would be uprooting them, starting fresh," Sanchez said.

Overdrive

By HENRY PAYNE
THE DETROIT NEWS

The year's most anticipated bargain is the 2020 Corvette C8, a \$60,000 mid-engine supercar offering the same performance thrills of European sports cars costing four times as much.

But on a more utilitarian front, the three-row Korean twins—the Hyundai Palisade and Kia Telluride — are just as remarkable.

Introduced, respectively, at the 2018 Los Angeles and 2019 Detroit auto shows, the Palisade and Telluride wowed with good looks and high-tech interiors. But as these vehicles have come to market, the automotive world is realizing they offer game-changing value.

Both feature luxury styling, that — when paired with their standard content — should make anyone question why they are paying tens of thousands more for a three-row luxury sport-utility.

“What’s the most impressive three-row SUV you have driven this year?” a group of successful female entrepreneurs asked me at a social gathering this summer.

“The Hyundai Palisade or Kia Telluride,” I responded.

They were horrified, having expected the answer to be a Range Rover or Volvo XC90 or Audi Q7 — vehicles they aspired to as successful business people.

“Not a Kia. And how dare they use the name ‘Telluride’?” scoffed one.

I get it. Brand matters.

But even judged by their

mainstream peers, the Telluride and Palisade are extraordinary luxury bargains. Compared to class-leading, comparably equipped Toyota Highlander, a feature-rich \$43,000 Hyundai Palisade SEL is \$4,000 cheaper. And compared to a comparably equipped Ford Explorer? The Hyundai is \$8,000 cheaper.

I tested a Kia Telluride earlier this year, so let me catch you up on the Hyundai Palisade first. I’ve put a lot of miles on it in Metro Detroit and on a long-distance trip through Virginia.

I parked it at an Oakland County shopping center next to a Cadillac XT5 SUV. Both Koreans have cribbed heavily from Cadillac’s vertical design style. Except for its badge, the Palisade looks like a luxury ride. It has gorgeous LED headlight piping. More taillight LED piping out back. Chrome-lined grille. Big, beautiful, 20-inch wheels. P-A-L-I-S-A-D-E spelled out across the tailgate.

The content list included everything under the sun: all-wheel drive, leather, drive modes including 4x4 lock for off-roading, blind-spot assist, adaptive cruise-control, automatic headlights, back-up assist, rear-view camera, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, sun roof.

How much would you pay for this? In a Toyota Highlander, the Limited Platinum trim will cost you \$47,000. The Ford Explorer Limited costs \$50,000. The loaded Hyundai Palisade SEL only asks \$43,155 of your wallet.

This is no Dollar Store special like the Hyundai sedans I saw at the Detroit auto show in 2000. The interior is not only luxurious but meticulously rendered with fine materials and clever details like USB ports for second-row passengers embedded in the front seat-backs.

Out of the instrument panel a pane of glass extends across the Palisade’s dash, enveloping the infotainment touchscreen like — well, a Mercedes. On the touchscreen, I tap Talk Mode. A speaker allows conversation with third-row urchins back there. Clever.

The huge center console under the touchscreen houses redundant control buttons and a fancy, electronic button-shifter fashionable these days on everything from Corvettes to Hondas. You get used to it — and it opens acres of space (more on that later).

A student of ergonomics, the Palisade borrows a sliding center-console door from the the Honda Pilot. Hyundai’s solution is not as big (a purse won’t fit in there) but it will hold your fast-food meal — and your purse can go in the big cubby underneath the console. Slide the door over the console and (Pilot-like) its

raised ridges will keep your cellphone — or anything else you place there — from sliding off.

That’s right. For \$43,000.

In back of the front leather thrones of the Hyundai Palisade are two more rows of leather-wrapped luxury. Access to the third row is as simple as pressing a button on top of the second-row seat, and — VROOOOMP! — the seat slides forward (another page from the Pilot’s book).

Stash the kiddies in the third row and they’ll be snug as a bug in a rug. They get USB ports, cupholders and reclining capability just like they were in Dad’s living room chair. They’ll miss only the Highlander’s two-pane panoramic sunroof versus the Hyundai’s mere sunroof.

The best buys in class, the Korean twins’ closest competition is one another.

The Kia Telluride’s tidy Cadillac-meets-Range Rover exterior design gives it a leg up on its Hyundai sibling. It consistently turns my head on road — a tribute to a Kia design team that has been hitting home runs from the wee Sportage ute to the sexy Stinger muscle car.

To compare the two, I stepped up to the fully tricked-out \$47,605 Hyundai Palisade Limited and \$48,100 Kia Telluride SX (comparable competitors were well over \$50,000) and drove them for a week.

The Palisade Limited gains a luxe-like 12.3-inch digital instrument display (the Tel-

luride SX sticks to analog gauges). Both Koreans get neat tricks like head-up displays and cameras under the mirrors to give drivers one more look at their blind spots (in addition to mirror-based blind-spot monitoring) before changing lanes. The Palisade’s bigger digital panel allows for even better viewing with this feature.

Interior technology like voice commands are premium-class good. The Palisade’s console is beautifully thought out, rivaling a Ram 1500 pickup for space and convenience. The Telluride’s upright shifter matches Kia’s sporty image, but the Palisade’s button-shifter opens up lots more storage space like that sliding console drawer.

Waiting in a three-hour Virginia traffic delay (caused by an 18-wheeler accident on a two-lane bridge), I made the Palisade my office. I plugged my laptop into the 12-volt rear console plug and charged my phone in a USB port. I munched on a box of Chick-fil-A nuggets in the console drawer next to two cups.

The Koreans both use a 3.8-liter, 291-horse V-6, which is just right for this three-row class: excellent low-end torque mated to a smooth shifting, 8-speed box.

If you have a need for speed in this class, then the raucous 400-horse, \$59,000 Ford Explorer ST is unique. But the bargain Palisade or Telluride look like premium utes from a class above — for \$30,000 less.

That’s \$30,000 can put toward your bargain Corvette C8.

NUTS & BOLTS

2020 Hyundai Palisade

- Vehicle type: Front-engine, front- or all-wheel drive, seven-passenger SUV
- Price: Base price \$32,595, including \$1,045 destination charge (\$43,155 SEL and \$47,505 Limited as tested)
- Powerplant: 3.8-liter V-6
- Power: 291 horsepower, 262 pound-feet of torque
- Transmission: 8-speed dual-clutch automatic
- Performance: 0-60 mph, 6.8 seconds (Car and Driver); tow capacity, 5,000 pounds
- Weight: 4,387 pounds
- Fuel economy: EPA mpg, 19 city/24 highway/21 combined
- Report card
- Highs: Luxurious interior, versatile console
- Lows: Polarizing face; trigger shifter has learning curve
- Overall: 4 stars**

2020 Kia Telluride

- Vehicle type: Front-engine, front- or all-wheel drive, seven-passenger SUV
- Price: Base price \$32,735, including \$1,045 destination charge (\$48,100 SX as tested)
- Powerplant: 3.8-liter V-6
- Power: 291 horsepower, 262 pound-feet of torque
- Transmission: 8-speed dual-clutch automatic
- Performance: 0-60 mph, 7.0 seconds (Car and Driver); tow capacity, 5,000 pounds
- Weight: 4,255 pounds
- Fuel economy: EPA mpg, 19 city/24 highway/21 combined
- Report card
- Highs: Knockout exterior, three-row ease of use
- Lows: Less versatile console and a few dollars more than the Palisade
- Overall: 4 stars**

Hyundai Palisade and Kia Telluride

twins battle for best 3-row SUV



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The 2020 Kia Telluride may come from a Korean brand - but its character is all-American. Designed in LA and manufactured in Georgia it carries Cadillac styling cues and plenty of room for a big Yankee family.



TNS

At just \$43k, the 2020 Hyundai Palisade SEL is loaded with features that costs thousands less than a comparable Toyota Highlander or Ford Explorer.

Life & Style

Trump impeachment inquiry heads to live TV coverage

By DAVID CRARY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Back in 1973, tens of millions of Americans tuned in to what Variety called “the hottest daytime soap opera” — the Senate Watergate hearings that eventually led to President Richard Nixon’s resignation.

It was a communal experience, and by some estimates, more than 80% of Americans tuned in to at least part of the Watergate telecasts. They were offered by ABC, CBS and NBC, as well as PBS, which won acclaim and viewers by showing not only the live hearings but also the full-length replays in prime time.

Seeing the witnesses lay out the case against the president moved public opinion decidedly in favor of impeachment.

But this time may be different.

When the House impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump begins its public phase on Wednesday, people will be watching on screens large and small. Many, in fact, are likely to be watching the proceedings on more

than one screen, with real-time reinforcement of their preexisting views of Trump on social media platforms and other venues that did not exist in Nixon’s time.

In the Watergate era, there was no Fox News or nationally prominent conservative talk radio shows, which today are favored by many of Trump’s

supporters. Nor was there the equivalent of MSNBC, which caters to left-of-center partisans.

“People now have a far greater variety of options as to how to consume this,” said professor Tobe Berkovitz, a former political media consultant who teaches communications at Boston University.

“Everyone might watch the same hearing, but then people are going to divide into camps in terms of how they want to engage with the analysis,” he said. “You’re going to pick who you want to interpret and propagandize.”

Two decades before Watergate, Americans had their first collective immersion in

live telecasts of a high-stakes Washington hearing when Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., polarized the country with his relentless pursuit of suspected communist sympathizers. Joseph Welch, a lawyer representing the Army, is remembered to this day for his question to McCarthy in 1954: “Have you no sense of decency, sir?”

The Watergate hearings produced a comparably memorable catchphrase, when Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., summarized the gist of the complex inquiry into a politically motivated break-in: “What did the president know and when

did he know it?” A damning answer eventually surfaced after the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, as the Senate’s Watergate Committee was officially called, obtained secret Oval Office tapes that implicated Nixon in a cover-up.

In the runup to President Bill Clinton’s impeachment by the House in December 1998 and acquittal by the Senate two months later, there was a similar dramatic twist when disclosure of Monica Lewinsky’s semen-stained blue dress undercut Clinton’s claim that he had never had sex with her.



In this May 18, 1973, file photo, the hearing of the Senate select committee on the Watergate case on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Bale and Damon go into overdrive for ‘Ford v Ferrari’



This Sept. 8, 2019 photo shows co-stars Matt Damon, left, and Christian Bale posing for a portrait to promote their film “Ford v Ferrari,” at the St. Regis Hotel during the Toronto International Film Festival.

NEW YORK (AP)—France’s legendary Le Mans race, the central contest depicted in James Mangold’s “Ford v Ferrari,” runs more than 3,000 miles over the course of 24 hours. But that’s nothing compared to the distance Christian Bale had to cover coming off playing Dick Cheney in “Vice.”

“When I first signed up for it, Jim said, ‘This is great, we’ve got six months until we start. Christian weighs 240 pounds,’” recalls Matt Damon. “I was like, ‘He weighs what?’”

Bale, sitting next to his co-star, lights up. “He’s rolling down the track!” Bale says, laughing. “Without a car!”

“I would just get these periodic updates. But he did it,” says Damon, shaking his head. “When I saw him on set, I said, ‘How did you lose 70 pounds?’ And he just said, ‘Didn’t eat.’”

In “Ford v Ferrari,” Damon plays visionary automotive designer Carroll Shelby and Bale plays maverick British racer Ken Miles. Shelby and Miles were brought together by the Ford Motor Co. to defeat pe-

renial Le Mans champions Ferrari in 1966. They are both dedicated, driven personalities who chafe at the dictates of the overlords at Ford. “Ford v Ferrari,” a rare big-budget original film, is about high-speed mavericks shrugging off corporate control to accomplish something singular.

For its two movie stars, it’s a story not so unlike the battles of getting movies—movies like “Ford v Ferrari”—made in today’s Hollywood.

“The parallels to the movie business, they were pretty easy for all of us to see,” says Damon. “Shelby and Ken needed Ford. They weren’t going to get anywhere without Ford, and they knew it. And Ford needed them. That’s the movie business. There’s always that tension.”

“There should be,” adds Bale. “There has to be that tension in order to create something wonderful. There’s got to be love for something and there’s got to be a certain amount of hate for it as well. I think both sides understand, ‘Hey, we can’t do it without them. And they can’t do that without us.’”

War epic ‘Midway’ bests ‘Doctor Sleep’ at the box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Despite a fresh injection of four big movies into the marketplace including a Stephen King adaptation, a World War II epic, a glossy, holiday-themed romantic comedy and a family friendly comedy, audiences largely stayed away from theaters this weekend and the North American box office is hurting.

Down nearly 27% from last year, the sluggish weekend allowed for a few big surprises however. The biggest surprise was the fact that the Roland Emmerich film “Midway,” which slightly overperformed, snagged the first-place spot over Warner Bros.’ “Doctor Sleep,” a film that came in well under expectations and has left many in the business scratching their heads as to why.

Lionsgate on Sunday estimated that

“Midway” earned \$17.5 million from 3,242 screens. The studio acquired the film about the Battle of Midway that features a large ensemble cast including Nick Jonas and Patrick Wilson.

“As expected, everyone is ecstatic,” said David Spitz, Lionsgate’s president of domestic distribution.

“Midway” cost a reported \$100 million to produce and the studio is projecting that the film will have grossed \$20.1 million by the end of Veteran’s Day Monday.

Reviews didn’t seem to play into account with the box office at all this weekend. Critics were not kind to “Midway” (it’s currently at 40% on Rotten Tomatoes), but audiences, who were largely male (60 and older (87% were over 25) had given the film an A CinemaScore.

1. “Midway,” \$17.5 million (\$21.6 million international).
2. “Doctor Sleep,” \$14.1 million (\$13 million international).
3. “Playing With Fire,” \$12.8 million (\$2.5 million international).
4. “Last Christmas,” \$11.6 million (\$3.1 million international).
5. “Terminator: Dark Fate,” \$10.8 million (\$29.9 million international).
6. “Joker,” \$9.2 million (\$20.3 million international).
7. “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil,” \$8 million (\$19.9 million international).
8. “Harriet,” \$7.2 million.
9. “Zombieland: Double Tap,” \$4.3 million (\$5.1 million international).
10. “The Addams Family,” \$4.2 million (\$13.2 million international).

Chrissy Teigen honored at Baby2Baby gala

CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP)—Chrissy Teigen said she felt honored to receive an award at the Baby2Baby Gala, but her acceptance speech wasn’t all about her achievement: “No kid should go hungry. No kid should not go without the basics in their home.”

Teigen—a model, television host and cookbook author—accepted the Giving Tree Award on Saturday night in Culver City, California. Her husband, singer John Legend, presented her with the award symbolizing her commitment to children in need.

“I feel honored to be honored,” Teigen said.

Legend praised Teigen for being an advocate for children through Baby2Baby. The non-profit organization looks for high-profile celebs to highlight their mission of helping provide basic necessities to children living in poverty.

Ellen DeGeneres, Kenan Thompson and Andy Cohen congratulated Teigen in a video message.

Teigen said she and Legend have tried to instill the importance of giving to the less fortunate in their young children,

Luna and Miles.

“Luna is no stranger to packing up all of her toys and sending them off, and knowing that people are going to open them and love them more and be so excited by them,” she said.

Saturday’s event celebrated the organization and raised funds for children living in poverty. Attendees included singer Katy Perry and former basketball player Kobe Bryant, among the celebrities who donated thousands of dollars toward the cause. Actresses Gwyneth Paltrow and Jennifer Garner also attended.

Actress Nicole Richie and comedian Ali Wong encouraged attendees to “whip out” their phones to donate to the charity through an electronic system.

“Let’s make it rain,” Wong told the crowd, before yelling “Slam dunk!” to announce Kobe and Vanessa Bryant’s \$50,000 donation.

For nearly a decade, Baby2Baby has distributed more than 70 million items to children in homeless shelters, domestic violence programs and foster care, as well as to other children who have lost everything in the wake of disaster.

League of Legends

crowns Chinese team as world champions

PARIS (AP) — Just like athletes, the champions got a big shiny trophy. Their most ardent fans screamed with delight over their crushing victory, while the vanquished opponents had the bitterness of defeat written all over their young faces.

Esports still have some way to go before winning mainstream acceptance. But the growing business that's gone from niche to global phenomenon in just a few years took another step forward when thousands of gaming fans packed a Paris arena Sunday for the biggest esports event of the year, the world champi-

onship finals of the League of Legends video game.

The Chinese team FunPlus Phoenix was crowned champions, wiping the floor with European outfit G2 Esports with a 3-0 shutout to secure the Summoner's Cup Trophy. The packed 20,000-seat AccorHotels Arena throbbed with excitement. Some fans came dressed as characters from the game.

Pitting two teams of five players against each other in a fantasy world, League of Legends is marking its 10th anniversary this year. French fan Jodie Germaneau, 27, was an early convert and came dressed for the finals in a costume that

her mum helped her make, with red hair, pointy gold ears and yellow contact lenses.

"Video games are a universe where we can forget everything, our problems, our sadness and just let go," she said.

Nicolo Laurent, CEO of Riot Games, the game developer, said he couldn't imagine in 2009 that they'd grow so fast, with gamers spending billions of hours in their fantasy universe.

"We had very humble ambitions when we started League of Legends. Our initial business plan said 20,000 concurrent users. Now we have millions. We never anticipated that," he said. "The first few years, it



Team FunPlus Phoenix hold the trophy as they celebrate after winning the final of League of Legends tournament against Team G2 Esports, in Paris, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019. AP

was a struggle. We always said, 'We're kind of building the plane while in the air.'"

Now, the plane is soaring, much to the chagrin of some parents who don't like to see their kids glued to screens.

Laurent is convinced such reservations will pass.

"I'm sure 50 years ago my parents were fighting their parents about rock 'n' roll," he said. "It's the same story every generation ... A new entertain-

ment form comes, and the old generation doesn't believe it. And then they move on, they age, they die, and now it's part of our lives. I think exactly the same will happen with gaming, at a much faster speed."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'Jersey Shore' star pleads not guilty to domestic violence

LOS ANGELES (AP)— "Jersey Shore" star Ronnie Ortiz-Magro has pleaded not guilty to domestic violence, child endangerment, false imprisonment and other misdemeanors after his arrest last month in the Hollywood Hills. The 33-year-old Ortiz-Magro entered the plea Friday in Los Angeles to seven misdemeanor counts that also included criminal threats, brandishing a weapon and resisting arrest. Police say Ortiz-Magro was uncooperative and they had to use a stun gun to take him into custody on Oct. 4. Ortiz-Magro's attorney Scott Leemon says the facts around the arrest have been misreported and exaggerated, and

they look forward to addressing the situation with the city attorney. Ortiz-Magro has had frequent disputes with Jennifer Harley, his on-and-off girlfriend and mother of his child. Harley has also been arrested involving scuffles with Ortiz-Magro but charges were dismissed.

Galician film wins top prize in Thessaloniki Film Festival

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — "Fire Will Come," (O Que Arde), a film shot in Spain's regional Galician language, has won the Golden Alexander Award at the 60th Thessaloniki International Film Festival. An international co-production directed by Galician film director Oliver Laxe, the film tells the story

of an arsonist who is released from prison and returns to his native village. Earlier this year, it won the jury award at "Un Certain Regard," a parallel competition of the Cannes Film Festival. Second prize went to another international co-production, "The Fever" by Brazilian director Maya Da-Rin, exploring rapid change and separation in the Brazilian Amazon. Another Southern American director, Peru's Melina Leon, won Best Director for Song Without a Name (Cancion Sin Nombre), a drama also shown at Cannes this year in the Directors' Fortnight.

Film probes history of Native Americans in the US military

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(AP)—Before Chuck Boers joined the U.S. Army, the Lipan Apache member was given his family's eagle feathers. The feathers had been carried by his great-great-grandfather on his rifle when he was an Apache scout. They also were carried by relatives who fought in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In 2004, Boers had the feathers with him during the Battle of Fallujah in Iraq. "I felt like I had my family with me to protect me," he said. "The Warrior Tradition," a new film set to air on PBS, examines the complex history of Native Americans in the U.S. military since World War I and how their service transformed the lives for Native Americans from various tribes. Through interviews with veterans and

using archival footage, the documentary probes the complicated relationship Native Americans had with military service and how they used it to press for civil rights. The documentary exhibits the mixed feelings some Native Americans felt toward the U.S. military and how tribal members embraced those who served as "warriors."

Domingo won't perform at Tokyo Olympics cultural events

TOKYO (AP) — The Tokyo Olympics organizing committee said Friday opera legend Placido Domingo has said he won't perform at pre-Olympics cultural events in Japan. The committee said in a statement that Domingo

has decided not to perform at an event scheduled for April that was meant to bring together opera and traditional Japanese Kabuki theater and officials accepted his decision. Neither Domingo nor the organizers mentioned sexual harassment allegations against him in relation to his withdrawal. "After thoughtful consideration I have made the decision not to participate in the kabuki-Opera event due to the complexity of the project," Domingo said in a statement released through the Tokyo organizing committee. Domingo did not give further details about the reason. He wished for the event to be successful while expressing his hope for a new opportunity in the future, according to the Tokyo organizers.

New girlfriend nixes time spent with kids and ex-wife

DEAR ABBY: I'm recently divorced. We have two wonderful children ages 6 and 11. I try to spend as much time with them as possible because it's important to me, even if it means spending time with my ex-wife.

The woman I am dating is also divorced. She has a bad relationship with her ex and doesn't think I should spend any time with my ex, even if it's for the sake of the kids. An example: My daughter's birthday is coming up, and it is my ex's day with the kids. However, we will be going out for a birthday dinner, and my girlfriend doesn't think I should go.

I'm not torn about going to dinner. I am torn about how to deal with the new girlfriend regarding my relationship with my kids and ex-wife. Any suggestions?

JEFF IN MICHIGAN

DEAR JEFF: Yes, and I sincerely hope you will take this to heart. What you have described is a huge red flag. Lose this girlfriend now. She appears to be both selfish and insecure, and she will worsen your relationship with your ex and destroy your relationship with your children if she can.

DEAR ABBY: My partner and I have a long, loving relationship. But there's always been this one little problem. When

we're out in public, I ask him to "please pull up your pants" and "please not put your hand down your pants." He gets upset that I call him out on it, but it's embarrassing for me, and I feel like it should be for him, too. How can I stop him from letting his pants be a problem? (They are nice slacks with button, zipper and belt!)

JANE DOE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR JANE DOE: Buy your partner a pair of suspenders and insist that he wear them when he's out in public with you. (It should lessen his need to put his hand down his pants, a habit that should have been "discouraged" before he entered kindergarten.)

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are expecting. We were both raised Catholic, but neither of us feels any affinity for the church or its teachings anymore. We had a Catholic wedding more for others (primarily family) than for ourselves.

The question is, do we have our baby baptized? Neither of us really wants to, but we're afraid of the reaction from our families. We would just go along with it, but if we do, it means getting involved with a religious group we care little for, and worse, lying about it. What do we do?

DO WE OR DON'T WE

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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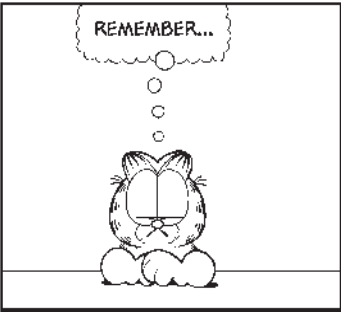


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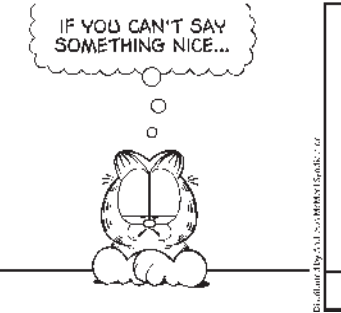


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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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22 Matty of baseball

23 Goblets and such

24 Fat

26 Lights-out tune

27 "Top Hat" studio

28 "Topaz" author

29 Lighten

31 Hive product

34 Lion's home

35 Bacteriologist's study

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Yesterday's answer 11-12

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Anne Hathaway, 37; Ryan Gosling, 39; Megan Mullally, 61; Neil Young, 74

Happy Birthday: It's time to share your feelings, bring about change and do whatever it takes to live up to the expectations you set. Communication will help you figure out what your best option is and how to go about putting your plans in motion. Listen to advice, and be open to change. Strive for perfection; happiness will follow. Your numbers are 4, 9, 17, 25, 31, 38, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make new experiences your way of learning, picking up skills and expanding your awareness. The people you encounter will give you the nudge you need to put your dreams into motion. Express your feelings. Romance is on the rise. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stop wasting time worrying about what others do. Look at what you can accomplish and the best way to go about getting what you want. Use your intelligence, and be prepared to adapt quickly when a change is required. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The best way to make a point is through your actions. Doing what you say, keeping your promises and saying no to unreasonable demands will help you avoid a misunderstanding. A joint venture will not live up to your expectations. Use discretion. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Engage in something that will open your eyes to new possibilities. Getting involved in a cause, volunteering, making a difference and sharing your

ideas with someone you enjoy spending time with will all lead to new endeavors. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put a schedule in place to get things done. Take physical action, and don't stop until you finish what you start. Talk less and do more, and you will avoid being criticized. A change someone makes should not interfere with your plans. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Join in and explore new possibilities, friendships and pursuits that will help you improve your skills and insight into future trends. Refuse to let someone's manipulative tactics interfere with your plans. A positive personal change is overdue. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stay focused on what makes you happy. Refuse to give in to someone who is always asking you for something. Put your needs first, and establish personal adjustments that will encourage less stress and improved physical health. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Live and learn. Someone with more experience will offer insight into an unprecedented lifestyle change. Don't be afraid to do things differently. A partnership will end up turning into an unexpected game changer. Walk away from unwarranted behavior. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend time perfecting yourself. Concentrate on how you present who you are, how you look and what you have to offer. Don't follow what someone else is doing. Be exclusively you. Walk the walk, talk the talk and live in the moment. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's up to you to initiate change if that's what you want. Waiting for someone else to make the first move will lead to frustration and impatience. Someone from your past will confuse you. Look forward, not back. Don't repeat mistakes. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Self-improvement will make a massive difference in your life. Forget what others are doing, and focus on what's important to you and how you are going to reach your goal. A lifestyle change is favored, and love is on the rise. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't give in to temptation. You'll make more progress if you focus on what you can do to make a positive difference in the world we live in. Step up and use your intelligence to find solutions. Start a movement; follow through. ****

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By Dave Green

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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Raptors end Lakers' 7-game winning streak



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pascal Siakam had 24 points and 11 rebounds, Fred VanVleet finished with 23 points and 10 assists and the

Toronto Raptors snapped the Los Angeles Lakers' seven-game winning streak with a 113-104 victory Sunday night.

Chris Boucher matched his career high with 15 points for the Raptors, who have won three straight and six of seven. The defending NBA champions played without two key regulars after losing starter Kyle Lowry to a broken left thumb and top reserve Serge Ibaka to a sprained right ankle, but Toronto still rallied in the fourth quarter and hung on late for its 10th consecutive win over the Lakers.

Anthony Davis scored 27 points and LeBron James had 13 points, 15 assists and 13 rebounds in his 85th career triple-double, but the Lakers lost for the first time since opening night against the Clippers.

Toronto led 104-92 with 3:50 to play on Terence Davis' third 3-pointer after a rally by four reserves and Siakam, but Kyle Kuzma hit back-to-back 3-pointers while LA scored eight straight points. The Lakers then missed four consecutive 3-pointers with the chance to pull even, and Siakam threw down back-to-back dunks on the fast break to seal it.

Norman Powell scored 14 points while starting in Lowry's spot for Toronto.

Davis and James both had big games, but the Lakers' supporting cast wasn't helpful and their team defense didn't



Toronto Raptors' Fred VanVleet, left, strips the ball from Los Angeles Lakers' Danny Green, center, as OG Anunoby (3) closes in during the second half of an NBA game Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, in Los Angeles.

look nearly as sharp as it had been in recent games. Kuzma scored 13 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.

Danny Green went scoreless on 0-for-5 shooting in 27 minutes for the Lakers, who signed him to a two-year free agent deal in the summer. The sharpshooting veteran won a ring with the Raptors last year while shooting a career-high 45.5% on 3-pointers during his sole season in Toronto.

Siakam got off to a 3-for-15 start from the field, preventing him from matching his 44-point effort at New Orleans two nights ago. But he

excelled in the second half, particularly in a lineup including four reserves as Toronto jumped to its first double-digit lead of the night early in the fourth quarter.

Toronto opened the fourth with a 17-6 run led by nine points from Boucher, the undrafted Canadian who was on the last two teams to win the NBA title.

Nuggets 100, Timberwolves 98, OT

In Minneapolis, Nikola Jokic hit a fadeaway jumper with 2.4 seconds left in overtime to lift Denver past Minnesota.

Jokic had 20 points, six rebounds and seven assists to help Denver win its fourth straight game. Will Barton had 13 points, including a pair of 3s in overtime, and 12 rebounds. Paul Millsap scored all 14 of his points during a big third-quarter run and had 10 rebounds.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 25 points and 16 rebounds for Minnesota. Towns sent it to overtime with a corner 3, but the Wolves shot a season-low 13.3% from 3-point range and 35.1% overall from the field.

Andrew Wiggins added 25

points in Minnesota's third loss in four games.

Suns 138, Nets 112

In Phoenix, Devin Booker scored 27 points and hit four 3-pointers, Ricky Rubio added a season-high 22 points and 12 assists and the Suns routed Brooklyn.

Booker was 10 of 14 from the field, making 4 of 5 3-pointers, hit all three of his free throws and had nine assists.

Kelly Oubre Jr. added 18 points, rookie Cameron Johnson had a career-high 15. The Suns trailed just once, at 1-0.

The Suns won for the fourth time in five games and ended the Nets' four-game winning streak in Phoenix.

Spencer Dinwiddie led the Nets with 18 points. Kyrie Irving finished with 15 points on 7-of-16 shooting.

The Suns made 10 of their first 11 shots, including 4 of 5 3-pointers. Phoenix led by 20 points in the quarter.

76ers 114, Hornets 106

In Philadelphia, Joel Embiid had 18 points and nine rebounds, Al Horford scored 15 points and the Phillies beat Charlotte to snap a three-game losing streak.

Furkan Korkmaz scored 17 points and keyed a Sixers' run in the third quarter in their return home from a four-game trip. Korkmaz hit a 3 with just 0.4 seconds left to beat Portland for the lone win on the trip.

Cody Zeller had 24 points for the Hornets.

Pacers 109, Magic 102

In Orlando, Domantas Sabonis had 21 points, 16 rebounds

and seven assists in Indiana's victory over the Magic.

Malcolm Brogdon and T.J. Warren scored 19 points each to help the Pacers win for the sixth time in seven games. Doug McDermott had 18 points and T.J. McConnell added 12 points and eight assists.

Evan Fournier scored 22 points to lead Orlando. Nikola Vucevic had 18 points and 17 rebounds.

Bucks 121, Thunder 119

In Oklahoma City, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 35 points and 16 rebounds to help Milwaukee rally and beat Oklahoma City.

Antetokounmpo scored 24 points in the second half. Eric Bledsoe added 25 points and nine assists for the Bucks, who have won five of six.

Dennis Schroder scored 25 points and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 22 for the Thunder, who had won three straight home games.

Oklahoma City's Danilo Gallinari hit a 3-pointer with 32.3 seconds left to tie the game at 114, but Milwaukee's Brook Lopez made a 3-pointer at the other end with 24.5 seconds remaining.

Gallinari missed a clean look at a 3, before Milwaukee's George Hill made two free throws with 10.5 seconds left to put the Bucks in control.

Trail Blazers 124, Hawks 113, OT

In Portland, Damian Lillard scored 30 points and the Trail Blazers outlasted Atlanta in overtime to snap a four-game losing streak.

Kent Bazemore made back-to-back 3-pointers to open the extra period, sending the Blazers to their first win at home this season.

Trae Young had 35 points and 10 assists for Atlanta.

Cavaliers 108, Knicks 87

In New York, Collin Sexton scored 31 points and Cleveland beat the Knicks.

Kevin Love and Jordan Clarkson each added 17 points for Cleveland (4-5), which has its first winning streak of the season. The Cavaliers were coming off a 113-100 win over Washington on Friday.

Julius Randle had 20 points and 16 rebounds and Alonzo Trier added 13 points for New York (2-8).

2nd MLS Cup in 4 years for Sounders



SEATTLE (AP) — They waited a decade to enjoy a celebration like this. As the Seattle Sounders paraded the championship trophy around their home stadium, only those clad in red headed for the exits.

Ten years after helping change the scope of Major League Soccer, Seattle finally got to see its home team host the championship match. And it was rewarded with a second celebration in the past four years.

"The players and the fans deserve this," Seattle coach Brian Schmetzer said. "The players persevered because again it was a first-half we needed to make some adjustments and they never quit. And the fans never stopped believing. I'm very happy and proud for the city and the fans."

Kelvin Leerdam settled the nerves of those home fans

with his 57th minute goal off a deflection, Victor Rodríguez and Raul Ruidiaz added the cappers and the Sounders beat Toronto FC 3-1 on Sunday to claim the MLS Cup title.

Playing before the second-largest crowd for an MLS Cup final, the Sounders withstood a nervy first 45 minutes where Toronto was the better side, before capitalizing on their opportunities in the second half and setting off a wild celebration that lasted nearly an hour after the final whistle. CenturyLink Field shook when Rodríguez gave Seattle a 2-0 lead in the 76th minute and the stadium rattled again when Ruidiaz made it 3-0 in the 90th.

"I got a little teary-eyed, not so much for winning the trophy but winning it at home with our fans and having that positivity and joyous moments that you can share with everybody," Seattle goal-

keeper Stefan Frei said.

Seattle had craved this moment since it joined the league in 2009. The Sounders brought record crowds and record success—11 straight playoff appearances—but its previous two appearances in the finals both required trips to Toronto. Seattle wanted to be on display, wanted to show how soccer-mad the area was, wanted the showcase of playing for a championship with a stadium crammed full of green.

They got their wish. The 69,274 in attendance was a stadium record, the largest crowd to see a soccer match in Seattle, and the second-largest to witness an MLS Cup final behind last year in Atlanta. Seattle became the sixth franchise in league history with multiple titles. The Sounders joined Houston, Sporting Kansas City and San Jose with two titles. The LA

Galaxy have five, and D.C. United four.

It was among the most anticipated finals in league history, and Seattle—eventually—delivered.

"If we played this game in Toronto, we would have lost," Seattle midfielder Cristian Roldan said. "But with our fans, the ball bouncing our way at home, we won this game."

Those fans were forced to nervously sit on their hands for nearly an hour because Toronto was the better side. Toronto dominated possession and seemed the more likely side to find a goal. They controlled possession. They connected their passes more often. They seemed comfortable in the setting, while Seattle seemed uneasy.

It was one momentary breakdown by Toronto and a bit of luck that allowed Seattle to take the lead.

Titans edge Chiefs in Mahomes' return



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Ryan Tannehill threw a 23-yard touchdown to Adam Humphries with 23 seconds left, and the Tennessee Titans blocked a last-second field goal attempt to beat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-32 to spoil the return of NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes.

The Titans (5-5) only had a chance to take the lead after a bad snap by the Chiefs on Harrison Butker's fifth field goal attempt of the day. The snap caught holder Dustin Colquitt by surprise, and he threw the ball away in desperation for an intentional grounding call, setting the Titans up at their own 39.

Tannehill scrambled for 18, hit Anthony Firkser for 20 yards and then found Humphries who ran in for the TD. Tannehill also ran for the 2-point conversion for a 35-32 lead.

The Chiefs (6-4) had a final chance with Mahomes. He drove them down, setting up Butker for another field goal try from 52 yards.

Joshua Kalu blocked the kick with his left hand, and the Titans poured onto the field to celebrate.

Derrick Henry ran for 188 yards, including a 68-yard TD that put Tennessee up 20-19 with 5:58 left in the third. His 1-yard TD with 6:26 remaining pulled the Titans within 29-27.

Tannehill finished with 181 yards passing and ran for 37 yards for the win.

The loss spoiled the best passing game this season for Mahomes as the Chiefs out-gained the Titans 530-371. Mahomes threw for 446 yards and three touchdowns. His best play came with the pocket collapsing around him when he jumped up to throw over the linemen to Mecole Hardman who ran for a 63-yard TD with 11:54 left and a 29-20 lead.

Mahomes looked very healthy playing for the first time since dislocating his right kneecap Oct. 17. He got lucky when his first pass first ruled an interception was overturned by replay for Titans safety Kenny Vaccaro trapping the ball on the ground. Mahomes capped the Chiefs' first drive with a 3-yard shovel pass to Travis Kelce.

Packers 24, Panthers 16

In Green Bay, Preston Smith and the Packers' defense stopped Christian McCaffrey at the goal line as time expired and they defeated Carolina at snowy Lambeau Field.

Aaron Jones scored three rushing touchdowns for the



second time this season to lead Green Bay (8-2).

The Panthers got the ball back with 2:25 left on their 11-yard line, trailing by eight. Quarterback Kyle Allen drove Carolina down the field, including completing a 12-yard pass to D.J. Moore on fourth-and-10 with 56 seconds left. The Panthers also benefited from an offside penalty with 13 seconds remaining to convert another fourth down. After Allen threw an incompleteness to McCaffrey, the Packers stopped him just short of the end zone as time expired. A brief replay review upheld the call.

Aaron Rodgers was held out of the end zone, but the two-time MVP completed 17 of 29 passes for 233 yards, including 118 yards to Devante Adams.

Falcons 26, Saints 9

In New Orleans, Matt Ryan passed for two touchdowns and Atlanta ended its six-game slide with a victory over the Saints that stopped the Saints' six-game winning streak.

Atlanta's defense stunningly dominated New Orleans' normally stout offensive line. Coming in with an NFL low seven sacks all season, the Falcons sacked Drew Brees six times, with Grady Jarrett, Vic Beasley Jr., Adrian Clayborn and De'Vondre Campbell all getting involved. Jarrett finished with a team-high 2½ sacks.

It was the second time this season the Saints were held without a touchdown at home, but the first time with

Brees under center.

Browns 19, Bills 16

In Cleveland Baker Mayfield threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Rashard Higgins with 1:44 left and the Browns snapped a four-game losing streak—and took some pressure off first-year coach Freddie Kitchens—with a win over Buffalo.

The Browns (3-6) rallied for a win that kept their season from completely collapsing.

Cleveland survived more problems in the red zone but sealed the much-needed win when Buffalo kicker Stephen Hauschka's 53-yard field-goal attempt was short with 22 seconds left. Earlier, Hauschka missed a 34-yarder.

Ravens 49, Bengals 13

In Cincinnati, Lamar Jackson threw for three touchdowns in a near-perfect passing performance and added a sensational 47-yard scoring run. Marcus Peters got his third pick-6 of the season—this one off rookie Ryan Finley—and Baltimore won its fifth in a row, routing the winless Bengals.

The Ravens (7-2) followed their eye-opening victory over the previously unbeaten Patriots by quickly pulling away from the NFL's last winless team.

It was the Lamar Jackson show from the start—a 49-yard completion on his first throw. His only incompleteness in the first half was on a spike.

Jackson finished 15 of 17—a club-record completion percentage—for 223 yards and a perfect passer rating of

158.3, his second of the season. Jackson threw five TD passes and had a perfect rating during a 59-10 opening win over the Dolphins.

Steelers 17, Rams 12

In Pittsburgh, the Steelers forced four turnovers—including a 43-yard fumble return for a touchdown by safety Minkah Fitzpatrick—in an ugly victory that pushed their winning streak to four games and dealt the Rams' chances of chasing down Seattle and San Francisco in the NFC West a serious blow.

Aaron Donald, a Pittsburgh native, sacked the Steelers' Mason Rudolph for a safety in his first appearance in his hometown since the Rams took him in the first round of the 2014 draft.

Linebacker Dante Fowler scored Los Angeles' lone touchdown on a 26-yard fumble return on the second snap of the game. But the Rams' offense did little against a Steelers defense that has become the team's identity after losing Ben Roethlisberger to a season-ending right elbow injury in Week 2.

Jared Goff completed 22 of 40 passes for 243 yards, none of them to leading receiver Cooper Kupp.

Bears 20, Lions 13

In Chicago, Mitchell Trubisky tied a season high with three touchdown passes, and the Bears withstood a late charge by Detroit with Jeff Driskel filling in for injured quarterback Matthew Stafford, beat-

ing the Lions 20-13 on Sunday to snap a four-game losing streak.

Detroit ruled out the 31-year-old Stafford hours before kickoff because of hip and back injuries, ending his streak of 136 consecutive starts. It was the first time he missed a regular-season game since 2010.

Chicago (4-5) got its struggling offense going late in the first half, scored two touchdowns early in the third quarter and hung on to win for the first time since beating Minnesota in Week 4. Detroit (3-5-1) lost for the fifth time in six games.

Driskel threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Golladay with 5:53 remaining to cut it to 20-13. He led Detroit from its own 10 to the Chicago 25 on the game's final drive.

Buccaneers 30, Cardinals 27

In Tampa, Jameis Winston threw for 358 yards and one touchdown, helping the Buccaneers rally to snap a four-game losing streak with a victory over Arizona.

Matt Gay kicked three field goals and Peyton Barber scored on a 1-yard run to finish a 92-yard, game-winning drive Winston put together after the Bucs (3-6) ended Kyler Murray's NFL rookie record streak of 211 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.

Barber's TD with less than two minutes left was set up by a booth review that deter-

Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry (22) scores a touchdown on a 1-yard run against the Kansas City Chiefs in the second half of an NFL game Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, in Nashville, Tenn.

mined Cardinals safety Jalen Thompson committed pass interference against Mike Evans in the end zone, giving Tampa Bay a first down at the Arizona 1.

Jets 34, Giants 27

In East Rutherford, Le'Veon Bell scored a go-ahead 1-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter after a 33-yard pass interference penalty on DeAndre Baker, and the Jets rallied and then held on to beat the Giants for Big Apple bragging rights.

Sam Darnold threw a touchdown pass to Jamison Crowder and ran for another score, and Jamal Adams scored on a 25-yard fumble return on a strip-sack as the Jets (2-7) bounced back from an embarrassing 28-16 loss last week at previously winless Miami.

Daniel Jones threw a career-high four touchdown passes, two each to Darius Slayton and Golden Tate.

Dolphins 16, Colts 12

In Indianapolis, Ryan Fitzpatrick scored on an 11-yard run in the first half and Miami made a late stop to preserve a victory over the Colts.

The Dolphins (2-7) have won two straight after a miserable start and earned their first win at Lucas Oil Stadium since 2013.

Indianapolis (5-4) has lost back-to-back regular-season games for the first time since October 2018. With starting quarterback Jacoby Brissett out because of an injured left knee, the Colts offense sputtered.

Vikings 28, Cowboys 24

In Arlington, Dalvin Cook ran for 97 yards, including the go-ahead touchdown on fourth down, and had another 86 yards receiving to set up three other scores, helping Minnesota beat Dallas.

Cook, the NFL rushing leader, easily outplayed two-time rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott as the Vikings (7-3) beat a winning team on the road for the first time in almost two years. Minnesota was 0-9-1 in its previous 10 such games.

Amari Cooper had the most circus catches on a night full of them for both teams, including a toe-tapping TD for Dallas' only lead in the third quarter.

Federer bows to Thiem; Djokovic cruises



LONDON (AP)—Dominic Thiem keeps getting the better of Roger Federer.

Thiem beat Federer 7-5, 7-5 Sunday in their opening match at the ATP Finals for his fifth win in seven meetings with the Swiss great—and third straight this year.

“To beat him, everything has to fit together. Today I think (that) was the case again,” Thiem said. “Every time, only playing against him is a big honor. Beating him is even better.”

Thiem broke in the opening game of the match and again for a 6-5 lead in the first set after Federer had leveled at 2-2.

The second set went with serve until Thiem broke at love for another 6-5 lead. Federer, a record six-time champion at the ATP Finals, then missed two break points in the next game before netting a backhand return on Thiem’s second match point.

Thiem also beat Federer at the Madrid Masters and in the Indian Wells final this year, but lost to him in the group stage at last year’s ATP Finals.

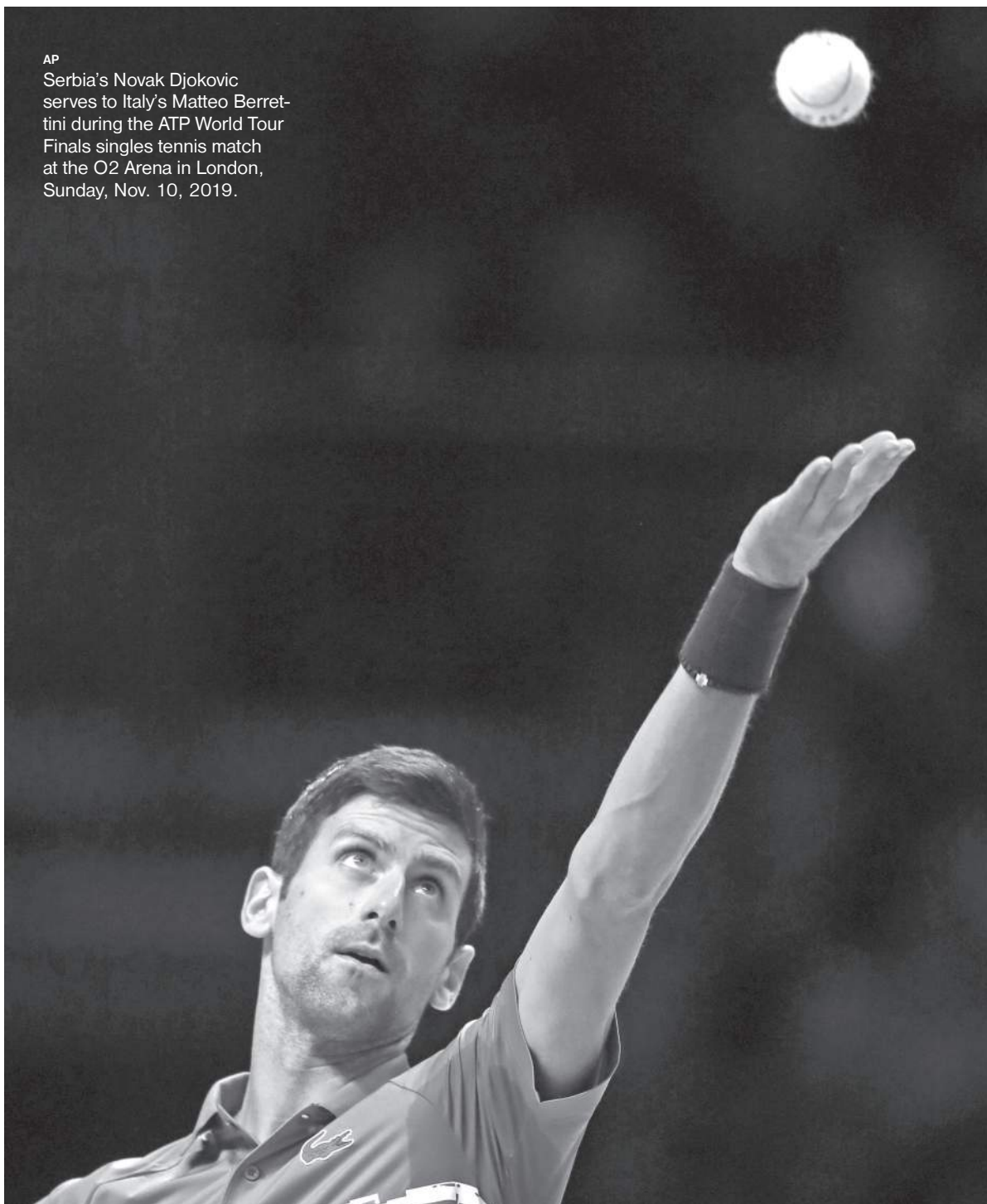
For Federer, the loss means there’s no room for another slip-up in his next two round-robin matches, against Novak Djokovic and Matteo Berrettini. He’ll probably have to win both in order to reach the semifinals.

“It’s a normal tournament from here on forward,” Federer said. “Not allowed to lose anymore for me. That’s how it is every week of the year for the last 20 years, so from that standpoint there is nothing new there.”

Djokovic had a much easier start to the tournament, easing past Berrettini 6-2, 6-1 in their first round-robin match.

But despite a near flawless performance, Djokovic still found a way to berate himself.

Leading 4-0 in the second set against the Italian, Djokovic hit a



AP
Serbia's Novak Djokovic serves to Italy's Matteo Berrettini during the ATP World Tour Finals singles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019.

backhand wide to concede a break to the Italian, and then angrily turned toward his player’s box and shouted out his frustration.

It was a clear sign that even at the end of another grueling season, Djokovic won’t tolerate any dips in his game as he pursues a record-

equaling sixth ATP Finals title.

“There’s no other reasonable explanation (to that reaction) than trying to play as perfect as possible,”

Djokovic said. “But I guess that’s me, you know.”

It was certainly the same Djokovic that the O2 Arena crowd has become used to seeing. Although the second-ranked Serb—who won four straight titles at the year-end event in London between 2012 and 2015—only needed to hit a total of 10 winners in the match as Berrettini’s 28 unforced errors handed him an easy victory to start round-robin play.

Berrettini’s forehand was responsible for 18 of those errors, including two shots into the net to hand Djokovic the only two breaks of the first set.

After giving up that lone break to make it 4-1 in the second, Djokovic broke right back and then clinched the victory with an easy forehand putaway at the net.

“He missed a relatively easy forehand for him that gave me a break (in the first set),” Djokovic said. “And after that I started reading his serve better.”

Berrettini was making his debut at the event for the world’s top eight players and had never faced Djokovic before. He also said he struggled a bit with the speed of the indoor hard court at the O2.

“The ball is not jumping a lot, so it’s tough to mix, especially my forehand,” Berrettini said. “I think it’s better when I have a little bit more time and the ball takes more spin. I think I started the match pretty good, but he was just better than me today.”

The other four-man group features Rafael Nadal, defending champion Alexander Zverev, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Daniil Medvedev. They begin play on Monday.

Djokovic has a chance to overtake Nadal for the year-end No. 1 ranking with a strong showing in London. He trails the Spaniard by 640 ranking points, with a maximum of 1,500 points up for grabs.



SAN FRANCISCO
(AP)—A year

ago, as Giants ownership set out to revamp the baseball operations department, members of the organization talked about the model they had seen in Chicago. The Cubs and Dodgers were two shining examples of what a modern front office could be, with a president of baseball operations working side by side with a general manager.

Larry Baer turned to the Dodgers to find Farhan Zaidi, his president. Zaidi turned to the Cubs to find the man who will try and help him rebuild the Giants. On Sunday the Giants announced that Scott Harris, previously the assistant GM for the Cubs, will be their general manager.

Harris has been viewed as a rising star in baseball circles, having spent most of his professional career as part of Theo Epstein and Jed Hoyer’s inner circle in Chicago. He was part

Giants hire Cubs’ Harris as general manager

of the group that finally put together a championship roster in Chicago, and Zaidi believes Harris’ skill set will mesh with his own. In Chicago, Harris served as director of baseball operations and then assistant general manager.

“The combination of his breadth of experience, contributions towards building a championship-winning perennial contender in Chicago, and his Bay Area roots made him an ideal fit,” Zaidi said in a statement.

Harris, 32, is a Redwood City native who went to UCLA and then got his MBA from Northwestern while working for the Cubs. As he explained to The Athletic earlier this year, Harris got into baseball by writing letters to executives around the sport. Al Rosen, a former Giants executive, responded and became a mentor.

Harris started with the Reds and then worked for the com-

missioner’s office. He joined the Cubs as a 25-year-old and got his MBA in part by flying back to Chicago from spring training every weekend so he could grind through Saturday classes.

With the Cubs, Harris assisted in player acquisitions, contract negotiations and evaluations and oversaw the organization’s research and development department and salary arbitration process. Those who have worked with him describe Harris as an extremely hard worker, but also someone who is easy to get along with and laid-back in general, which should fit well with the front office that Zaidi is building.

Zaidi was part of a similar group in Los Angeles, where the Dodgers used their resources to put together a talented front office that had complementary skills. In recent years, Giants officials marveled at the size of the ana-

lytics department that worked near the visiting clubhouse at Dodger Stadium, and the Giants appear on their way to mimicking that kind of staff.

The Cubs had a similar setup, and in Zaidi and Harris, the Giants have two top executives who have been on the front line for two organizations that are as advanced as any in the game. The Giants had plenty of success with the previous regime, winning more titles this decade than any other franchise, but it became clear that they had fallen behind in a lot of areas.

They have not fully lost their luster, though. Harris always was headed for a GM seat, and in Zaidi and the Giants, he saw an opportunity to work for an organization that should be a perennial power. The Giants have the resources to do anything they want, but they had stopped developing stars.

Harris helped do just that in Chicago, and he’ll now be a huge part of the braintrust in San Francisco.

There’s one more significant hire to make, and the Giants expect to announce a manager early this week, adding a third piece who now will work alongside Zaidi and Harris. The Giants have been remarkably quiet about their plans, but sources said that in recent days Astros bench coach Joe Espada has emerged as the favorite.

Perhaps the Harris announcement is a sign of things to come. Harris still was working for the Cubs last month when Espada finished second to eventual managerial choice David Ross.

Meanwhile, Hensley Meulens, along with third base coach Ron Wotus, was one of the first two people that interviewed to be Bruce Bochy’s replacement. Now, he’s no

longer with the Giants.

MLB Network reported that Meulens has accepted a job with the Marlins. It’s unknown what his official title will be, though, it sounds like hitting coach and first base coach are open in Miami.

Meulens joins bullpen coach Matt Herges as the second Giants coach to leave for a new team this offseason. Herges is staying in the NL West as the D’backs new pitching coach.

Meulens, 52, spent the last 10 years on the Giants’ coaching staff. He was Bochy’s bench coach the last two seasons, and previously served as San Francisco’s hitting coach.

The longtime Giants coach has interviewed with several teams over the years for managerial openings. For now, he will continue to wait for his shot.

Meulens is joining Don Mattingly’s staff—the two played with each other on the Yankees in the early 1990s—and he surely has hopes to still one day be a manager.

Top Development nips McDonald's

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Top Development edged McDonald's, 98-96, in the curtain-raiser in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

TDI battled back from a 42-50 halftime deficit when it regained the lead in the third quarter and then hung on to the driver's seat in the fourth for the 2-point victory.

Sean Rabasto scored 13 points in the third period to give TDI back the lead, 73-68. TDI fired 31 markers against the 18 of McDonald's to overhaul its foe's 8-point advantage at the break. Raymond Velasco added 8, while Darwin Barbo chipped in 6 in the penultimate frame to hand TDI the driver's seat going into the final canto.

The same trio kept TDI on top, as it combined for 23 of the team's 25 markers in the

fourth frame to withstand McDonald's rally. McDonald's fought back behind the 11 points of Jaymark De Guzman, but fell short in the end, as Rabasto delivered TDI's last 5 points to secure the victory.

Rabasto finished with 26 points, while Velasco top-scored for TDI with his 30. Barbo chipped in 20, while Jerome Reyes added 12.

Meanwhile, in the second game, Joeten 1 outclassed MJD Construction, 77-64.

After a close first quarter that ended with Joeten clinging to a 22-21 points lead, it gained more cushion as the game progressed by getting contributions from multiple players.

Ernest Duenas and Chris Lilles led Joeten 1's balanced offense after scoring 15 apiece. Vince Teregeyo added 13, while Alex Lauron made 12, and K.J. Kabiriel and Patrick Rotap combined for 15.

While Joeten 1 showed team effort on offense, MJD relied heavily on Freddie Pelisamen, who led all scorers with his 31 markers.



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Top Development, Inc.'s Jerome Polisco takes a short jumper during the second quarter of their game against McDonald's in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

First Game

TDI 98—Velasco 30, Rabasto 26, Barbo 20, Reyes 12, Polisco 8, Arreza 2.

McDonald's 96—De Guzman 35, Mc. Achas 21, Ayuyu 20, Macaranas 9, Mi. Achas 9, J. Achas 2.

Second Game

Joeten 1 77—Duenas 15, Lilles 15, Teregeyo 13, Lauron 12, Kabiriel 9, Rotap 6, Tobias 5, Jacob 2.

MJD Construction 64—Pelisamen 31, Sahagun 14, Bisana 9, Montano 9, Usi 1.

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hung tough on defense to shut down MP United.

In the other match in the division, TanHoldings also blanked Shirley's FC, 5-0.

Jerald Aquino powered TanHoldings to the easy win after delivering three goals. He got his first in the 27th minute and completed the hat trick in the second half after finding the back of the net in the 58th and 65th minute.

Mark Joseph Roque and Ariel Narvaez registered the two other goals for TanHoldings with the former drawing first blood with his shot in the seventh minute and the latter closing out for the winning team in the 70th.

BOYS U18 TanHoldings 7, MP United 1

Champion TanHoldings finished the season with an unbeaten record after dominating MP United last Friday.

Mark Esalan earned three goals in their last match in the competition and gave TanHoldings an 8-1-0 mark. Ichiro Borja, Jamin Elliot, Aloyzeus Angeles, and Kaden Church also scored for TanHoldings.

Dylan Mister nailed the only goal for MP United, which placed third this season after ruling the Spring competition.

Kanoa 9, Matansa 2

Kanoa finished second in the final team standings in the division after easing past Matansa.

Kanoa ended up with a 3-3-3 record for 12 points, just one marker ahead of MP United (3-2-4).

Andruw Omelau tallied three goals to lift Kanoa to victory. He drew enough help from his teammates with Jim Kurt Maniago and Markus Toves contributing two goals each and Jacob Montes and Ian Karl Maniago adding one apiece.

Matansa, which failed to notch a single win this season, got its pair of goals from Xin Wen Jin and Elijah Villamero.

Ada Gym closed for a week

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The Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium will be closed for majority of the week to accommodate the Super American Circus.

During the Northern Marianas Sports Association board meeting last Thursday at the conference room of the Ada Gym, Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifo announced the closure of the facility to accommodate improvements needed in preparation for performances of the visiting group.

"We will be closing the gym so they can set up for the Circus. It's going to be held from Nov. 15 to 17 and this is a project from the Lady Diann Foundation," Rogolifo said.

Government agencies, including the Saipan Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Works, and more, will be deployed to prepare the facilities for this weekend's

event, which will be the island's first.

"In order for them to have a nice and presentable facility for the event, they are sending different agencies from the government to come down here to take part in the



preparation of the facility, from the outside to the inside, including the toilets," the NMSA official added.

Rogolifo said the government agencies will take care of all the logistical aspects—NMSA is not in-

involved—except for providing the venue. Concerned groups will also make minor improvements to the Ada Gym, including the lighting. NMSA will provide fans since there is no air-conditioning system at the facility.



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The Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium is off limits to the public this week, as the facility is being prepared to host the Super American Circus this weekend.

SCHMIDT

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The Saipan Vegas shooting guard averaged 7.3 assists in the elimination after collecting 58 in eight matches. Schmidt also totaled 50 steals for an average of 7.4 per outing. He played an all-around game for Saipan Vegas, which was undefeated in the regular season, as he averaged 15.8 points (126 total) per match and 7.5 rebounds (60 total).

Joining Schmidt in the Top 5 of the assists leaders were

his teammates Coby Santos (5.7 average) and Preston Basa (4.6) and IT&E's Errol Peredo (4.7), Sean Rabasto (4.4). In the steals department, Schmidt led Caravan's Sydney Quan (4.8), Santos (4.6), Mystique BBQ's Jetzen Jandoc (3.9), and Caravan's Josh Andrew (3.6).

Meanwhile, The Game's Mak Mintac, TanHoldings' Michael Torregosa, and Bridge Capital's Eric Deleon Guerrero topped the league in scoring, rebounds, and blocks, respectively.

Mintac's 28.9 points per

game handed him the scoring champion title, as he prevailed over TanHoldings' Kerwin Dayao (24.4 average), Caravan's Ken Viray (22.1), Bridge Capital's Freddie Pelisamen (22), and Santos (21.9).

In the rebounds department, Torregosa stole the win from long-time leader Alex Standish of Caravan's. Torregosa averaged 12.9 rebounds in eight games and jumped from third to first after collaring 19 boards in their last match of the season (versus The Game).

Standish dropped to third

with his 12.3 average, losing to Jandoc (12.4) in the close battle for second, while Andrew (11.4) and AK Toyota's Kelvin Fitial (10.6) rounded out the Top 5.

There was also a tight race in the blocks department with Deleon Guerrero narrowly beating The Game's Jun Fidelino and Jun Javier. Deleon Guerrero registered 10 blocks, while the two The Game players earned nine apiece. Peredo recorded eight blocks, while Quan had 7 to complete the Top 5.

2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League

TEAM STANDINGS
(As of Nov. 11, 2019)

BOYS U15 DIVISION

CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Kanoa	6	1	0	35	8	27	19
MP United	4	1	2	27	13	14	13
TanHoldings	4	0	2	16	12	4	12
Matansa	1	0	5	8	17	-9	3
Shirley's	0	0	6	7	43	-36	0

BOYS U18

CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TanHoldings	8	1	0	38	10	28	25
Kanoa	3	3	3	29	31	-2	12
MP United	3	2	4	27	25	2	11
Matansa	0	2	7	10	38	-28	2



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Kanoa clinches boys U15 title

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Kanoa Football Club captured the boys U15 division title in the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League after shutting down MP United, 3-0, last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



Kanoa improved to a 6-1-0 win-draw-loss record, while MP United dropped to a 4-1-2 mark. With MP United and Kanoa having only one game left in the double-round robin season, there's no way the former nor TanHoldings (4-0-2) could unseat the latter from the No. 1 spot in the team standings. Kanoa will play its last match of the season this Saturday when it takes on the winless Shirley's Football Club, while TanHoldings will battle Matansa this weekend, too before dueling MP United in a make-up game on Nov. 23.

The early title win gave Kanoa a sweep in the 2019 competition, as it also ruled the spring season of the division after nosing out MP United in



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Kanoa Football Club's Lester Bata, left, and MP United's Garrett Weaver shove each other as they chase the ball during their boys U15 division game in the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

a playoff match, 3-2.

Jim Kurt Maniago and Markus Toves scored in Kanoa's championship-

clinging victory last weekend with the former hitting the board in the 27th minute and the latter doing the same five

minutes later. Kanoa was awarded an own goal in the 42nd minute and then

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Athletics regional meet hosting still pending

The CNMI's hosting of the 2020 Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships remains tentative due to repairs needed at the Oleai Sports Complex's track and field facility.

During the Northern Marianas Sports Association's monthly board meeting last Thursday at the confer-

ence room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, Northern Marianas Athletics secretary Robin Sapong informed the NMSA board that if there is no confirmation that the facility can keep the International Association of Athletics Federations standards



by March 2020, then the CNMI needs to pull out from hosting the event that is set for June.

Sapong added that Guam was supposed to hold the championship for the Micronesian region, but could not commit because its facility is not up to

IAAF standards.

"As the only certified IAAF track in Micronesia at the moment, we just got selected to host the Micronesian Regional Championships in June 2020. Guam was supposed to host it, but its facilities were not upgraded. I just need to know from NMSA by March where we are at, if we cannot sustain that level of maintenance, then NMA need to pull out," he said.

NMSA takes care of the track facility, but without a budget from the government, it is uncertain if the association could still do the maintenance work there. Repairs at the facility are needed, too, as it sustained damage from previous typhoons.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Students race in the relay event of the 2019 PSS/NMA All Schools Championship at the Oleai Sports Complex track oval, which has to keep its International Association of Athletics Federations to host the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships next year.



Schmidt tops assists, steals departments

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Saipan Vegas' Douglas Schmidt boosted his bid for the regular season MVP award in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League after ruling two divisions at the conclusion of the elimination round of the inaugural competition.

Schmidt topped the league in assists and steals, making him a strong contender in the MVP race. The statistical points (combined points, rebounds, assists and steals) are part of MIBL's selection criteria for the regular season MVP. The record of the players' respective teams, coaches' votes, and Player of The Game honors after the regular season will also be considered in determining the winner of the coveted individual award.

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Saipan Vegas' Douglas Schmidt pulls up for a shot during their regular season match against The Game in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.